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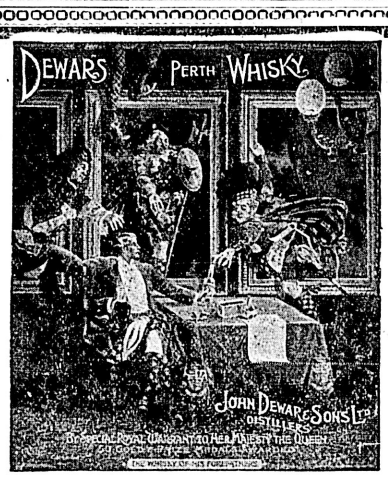

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HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

5th February, 1897.

THOMAS BRIGHAM HALL, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, to be a member of the Licensing Board of the City of Victoria, *vice* I. W. Powell, Esquire, M.D., J.P., resigned. fel9

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ISSUES IN THE EAST.

Russo-German Understanding—The Black Sea Fleet Leaves Constantinople—The Kaiser.

Greek Flags Ordered to Be Lowered in Crete—Statement by King George.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A dispatch to the Standard from Moscow says: "In the event of certain contingencies it is already arranged that German troops are to traverse Russian territory and co-operate with the Russian forces in the Kieff district."

A dispatch to the Daily News from Canea says: "There is no confirmation of the rumor that the Cretans have massacred 3,300 Moslems in the Sitia district. Two Italian officers have been sent with a gunboat to make inquiries."

The Athens correspondent of the Chronicles declares, on what is pronounced to be absolute authority, that all the reserves will be called out. Among other things the Athens correspondent says: "The King is to take command of the Greek forces if the Turks attack the frontier. The secret committees here have several thousand armed volunteers ready to enter Macedonia if Greece is provoked."

Mr. Gladstone, when asked for an opinion concerning the proposed blockade of the Greek port of Piræus, wired the Chronicle as follows: "I have no information sufficient for judgment, but I detest the whole idea of using force in behalf of Turkey, which I think has become an outlaw."

The Austrian ironclad Crown Princess Steffani, two torpedo catchers and two torpedo boats have left Palaft, Island of Crete.

The Canea correspondent of the Times says that he is informed upon the best of authority that Col. Vassos is complying with the injunction of the powers to abstain from active hostilities.

A dispatch to the Times from Canea says: "The insurgents have intimated to the consuls that they propose to attack Halepa in the near future. The insurgents, co-operating with the Greek forces, were observed during the afternoon (Wednesday) advancing nearer the town."

The admirals commanding the foreign men-of-war threatened to send the marines to force the consulate to remove the flag unless the Greek consul complied with the request of the powers in this particular. Among the killed at Sanakinos were twenty women and sixty-one children.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says: "Emperor William has wired the Czar requesting a personal interview owing to the gravity of Cretan affairs. The Black Sea fleet has steamed from Constantinople under command of the Grand Duke Alexis."

ATHENS, Feb. 18.—M. Skouses, minister of foreign affairs, has replied to the last communication from the representatives of the powers, saying that it is impossible for Greece to recall her torpedo flotilla so long as the excitement in Crete continues.

In the legislative chamber to-day Prime Minister Delyannis announced that he had received no authentic news of the departure of Turkish troops for Crete. Replying to questions, he said that the government was seeking to discover the motives of the powers in their recent action in Crete. The government had arrived at certain decisions, but was unable to impart any information as yet.

Some members declared that the lowering of the flags of the consulates constituted the recognition of Greek occupancy. It is reported that the cabinet council decided to continue an active policy.

The government to-night sent instructions to the consul at Canea declaring that as the towns which the powers accupied were not held in behalf of Turkey they must, like the rest of Crete, be regarded as Greek territory.

CANEA, Feb. 18.—All the Greek consulates on the island of Crete have lowered their flags. The British and Italian torpedo boats stopped the Greek ironclad Hydra, which was conveying provisions to the Greek camp. The Greek flag was lowered at the request of the foreign admirals, who have demanded the withdrawal of the marine guard from the consulate. The Greek consul acceded under protest, declaring that the admirals were not competent to deal with the question. The Mussulmans have become excited, and assumed a menacing attitude since the arrival of the news that 100 Mussulmans have been killed at Sarakinos and Selinos. Another expedition of Mussulman volunteers is preparing to start for Selinos.

Col. Vassos, commanding the Greek forces, has decided to attack and occupy several strategic points. He is, in the name of King George, establishing there a system of administration. Municipal elections are already proceeding and mayors have been installed in the towns and villages outside of Canea, Heraklion and Retimo.

Turkish volunteers and refugees who have been brought to Canea by transport state that a hundred Mussulmans have been killed at Sarakinos and Selinos, and an equal number have been killed in the surrounding country.

ROME, Feb. 18.—A special dispatch received here from Larissa, Greece, says a thousand Macedonians have crossed the frontier and joined the Greek force.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—It is learned that the proposal of Germany to blockade Pirelus, the port of Athens, in order to put a check upon the warlike ardor of Greece, was vetoed by Great Britain, and there is little prospect of its being adopted. This, with other information, tends to strengthen the belief that the great powers are not seriously opposed to Greece.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—A dispatch received here from Athens says: "King George will take command in person of the northern army. He is reported to have said he preferred dying in battle to being an exiled king." This, according to the dispatch, would occur in the event that the king did not take the lead in the present crisis.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—In response to a cable message to His Majesty the King of Greece, the New York World has received the following from Athens, Greece: "After six months of waiting the reforms imposed upon Turkey by the great powers are not put into execution. The Turks oppose the organization of the gensd'armerie (constabulary.) On February 3 the Turkish troops began the massacres. The Christian quarters at Canea were burned. After 150,000 women and children were refugees in Greece, the Cretans in despair proclaimed their independence and union with Greece. The Hellenic government sent a small army to occupy Crete, to restore order and peace. The five great powers occupy the four towns of Canea, Retimo, Candia and Sitia. All the remainder of the island is in the possession of the Christians. The expressions of sympathy from the great American people and Hellenic residents in America are a precious support to us in the work for the independence of Crete, and we thank them sincerely.

"(Signed) SKOUSES,
"Minister for Foreign Affairs."

ASTOR CALLED DOWN.

Socialist Burns Can Stand a Decent Duke, But Not a New Millionaire.

General Arbitration Treaty Received in the Commons—The Czarevitch German Loans Conversion.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A scene was created in the House of Commons to-day by John Burnes, socialist member for the Battersea division of Clapham and Battersea. The occasion was the debate on the proposal to erect a new hall for the use of the London county council. In the course of the discussion Mr. Burns, himself a member of the county council, made an attack upon the Pall Mall Gazette, owned by Wm. W. Astor, because of its opposition to the proposal. The opposition of the paper to the erection of a new building on the site of the present one, he said, was purely in the interest of Mr. Astor, whose house adjoined the council building. In concluding his remarks Mr. Burns said he could stand a decent duke or a militant marquis, but he could not endure the miserable and ungentlemanly conduct of a new millionaire.

William Waldorf Astor has announced that he will subscribe $5,000 annually toward the Prince of Wales London hospital fund to commemorate the record reign of the Queen.

A copy of the general arbitration treaty and President Cleveland's message on the subject to the senate was issued in the House of Commons to-night.

While a force of workmen were engaged to-day lowering a boiler into the new Spanish cruiser, Princess of the Asturias, which is being fitted out at the naval yards at Cadiz, the tackle gave way and the boiler fell into a gathering of men below, killing six of them and seriously injuring ten others.

The Grand Duke George of Russia, the Czarewitch, the younger brother of the Czar and heir presumptive to the throne, who has been in bad health for a long time past, has started on a sea cruise. He will first proceed to Constantinople.

The German loans conversion bill passed its second reading to-day in the reichstag after several amendments proposed by Herr Richter, the people's leader, had been rejected.

MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

Terrible Tragedy in the Neighborhood of an Indian Agency.

WINONA, N. D., Feb. 18.—A terrible tragedy was discovered one mile from this place to-day, on the ranch of Rev. Thomas Spicer. The horribly mutilated bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Rouse, with her one year old twin boys, and the aged Mrs. Wildron, the mother of the postmaster of this place, were discovered scattered about the ranch. There is as yet no positive clue to the perpetrators of the horrible crime. The appearances about the ranch, the condition of the bodies and some other circumstances have led to the suspicion that an Indian who was seen in the neighborhood of the ranch yesterday was the murderer. The bodies were terribly mutilated with axes and clubs. The Standing Rock Indian reservation is not far from the scene.

RATES TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Important Conference of Railway Men at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—An important conference between Canadian and United States railway interests were held with reference to the passenger rates to the British Columbia gold fields, as the traffic promises to be heavy in the spring. The statement is made that there has been no rate cutting, but the roads desire to make an arrangement to guard against such a contingency. Representatives of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railway are attending the meeting.

Sheffield cutlery; all kinds in stock at Fox's, 78 Gov't. A fine line of razor strops just arrived. x

C.P.R. OFFER TO BUILD.

Committee of the Cabinet Appointed to Consider Crow's Nest Pass Railroad.

Attempt to Whitewash the Government—Parliament House Water Supply.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—It is stated that the Canadian Pacific have made a definite offer to build the line through Crow's Nest Pass and operate it as part of their system.

Hon. Mr. Blair, Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. Mr. Sifton has been appointed a sub-committee of the cabinet to grapple with the Crow's Nest Pass railway matter and report to the council as to the best solution of the present difficulty.

Hon. Mr. Borden is far more seriously ill than was at first anticipated. He has been ordered South for rest, and will be away for some weeks. In some quarters it is believed he will have to retire altogether from politics.

Hon. Mr. Tarte has employed about 170 men to clear away the debris from the western block. The cabinet will decide to-morrow as to the nature of the proposed construction and whether it will be done by contract or day labor.

Mr. Ewart, acting chief engineer, has given an official report on the fire. It is an elaborate attempt to whitewash the Public Works department of all responsibility.

It appears that all the water pipes in the parliament buildings and the Eastern and Western blocks, except the Mackenzie wing, are of cast iron and have been in use 35 years. The city water works officials say that the low pressure from the pipes of the Western block was partly due to the fact that the pipes are almost choked up with rust. One of these pipes burst in the Commons building a fortnight ago. It was found to be completely blocked with oxide of iron.

DOINGS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

An Old Blockade Runner.

SAVANNE, Ont., Feb. 18.—Capt. L. H. Covetter, of this place, who died here to-day, was in command of the steamer Chicora, now of Toronto, when she was engaged in running the blockade to Charleston during the American war.

Died of Apoplexy.

CHATHAM, Ont., Feb. 18.—Mr. John Mercer, for more than forty years sheriff of the county of Kent, died suddenly here to-day of apoplexy, aged 84.

Laurier's "Memoir."

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—A statement by Mr. Laurier, called "A Memoir on the Manitoba School Question," dated November last, has just been published here. It expresses the hope that the terms of settlement will be found satisfactory after a fair trial.

Cannot Recover.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—Joseph Homier, the West Templeton farmer, who was murderously attacked by his demented wife with an axe on Tuesday night, still lives but his end is not far off.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Formal Opening—An Arrangement Between Laurier and Greenway—Crown Lands to Be Transferred to Province.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18.—(Special)—There was nothing out of the ordinary at today's opening of the Manitoba legislature. The speech from the throne referred briefly to the school law, and said a bill would be introduced to give effect to the terms of settlement agreed on between the Laurier and the Greenway governments. The house adjourned till Monday.

The Free Press says: "There is a rumor in well-informed political circles that the Dominion government will hand over to the local government all the remaining Crown lands in the province. These include the mineral lands along the eastern boundary of the province, and when the transfer has been made a mining law will be passed to regulate and encourage the mining industry.

The Manitoba College students have contributed $92.05 to the Indian relief fund.

Bishop Parcale of Saskatchewan is here, en route home from Montreal and Ottawa.

Major Vaughan, one of the oldest inhabitants of Selkirk, aged 89 years, died yesterday. He will be buried with Masonic honors.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

A Decisive Vote Will Probably Be Taken To-Day.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It had been the intention of the friends of the arbitration treaty to make an extraordinary effort to secure, if possible, its disposition before adjournment to-day, but their plans were frustrated. Mr. Sherman gave notice that he would to-morrow at 12:30 move an executive session for the purpose of considering the treaty and that he would ask that the session behind closed doors be continued until the fate of the treaty should be known. Upon this announcement the senate adjourned without division. It is conceded on all sides that to-morrow's session will be the final one on the treaty during this congress. The most probable result is the adoption of a motion to postpone it until March 5.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

PROVINCIAL GROWTH.

The List of New Companies for This Week Eclipses All Records.

Mining Engages Chief Attention, But Other Resources Are Not Neglected.

The organization and incorporation of new commercial associations having for their object the development and utilization of British Columbia's vast and various resources grows apace, the week closing yesterday seeing no fewer than 40 limited liability companies duly registered under the provincial acts—the largest number, and with the greatest aggregate representation of capital ($38,830,000) for any similar period in British Columbia's history.

One million dollars capitalization with shares of a par value of $1 each appears to be the favorite still—the stock lists of this week's new companies run, however, from $10,000 up to $6,000,000 each. The Northern Supply Co. has the minimum capitalization, while the six million dollar concern is the Clark-Seattle Gold Mining Company of Grand Forks. Next to this in rank of capitalization is the Favorite Gold Mining and Development Company, of this city, with 5,000,000 $1 shares.

The incorporators of this important company are Messrs. Richard Hall, J. H. Falconer, Chas. E. Jones, T. R. McInnes, Dr. A. T. Watt and Dr. G. L. Milne. The primary object of the company's formation is the purchase of the Southern Belle, Queen of the Hills, Viola, Bay State, Bowis, Ace High, Royal, Imogene, Henrietta, Seattle, Butte. R. Bello, Emma and Chicaman claims—all in the Greenwood, Clarke and Summit camps, at the north forks of the Kettle river.

The complete list for the week includes 33 mining, two finance, one drug, one supply, one packing and one shingle company, as hereunder:

American Boy Mining & Milling Co., of Spokane: capital stock, $1,000,000.
Beaudette Mining Co., Sandon; $600,000.
Brunswick Mining & Development Co., Vancouver; $1,000,000.
British American Gold Mining Co., Rossland; $1,500,000.
Brandon & Golden Crown Mining Co., Rossland; $1,500,000.
Britannia Mining Co., Slocan City; $250,000.
British Empire Mining Co., Vancouver; $200,000.
Buffalo Mining Co. of Slocan, Vancouver; $150,000.
Camp McKinney Development Co., Vancouver; $600,0000.
Carne's Creek Consolidated Gold Mines, Revelstoke; $1,0000,000.
Castle Mountain Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $2,000,000.
Columbia-Cariboo Gold Mining Co., Trail; $1,000,000.
Clark-Seattle Gold Mining Co., Grand Forks; $6,000,000.
Deep Cave Gold Co., Vancouver; $250,000.
Douglas Mining, Investment and Brokerage Co., Vancouver; $500,000.
East Kootenay Mining and Development Co., Golden; $1,000,000.
Echo Mining and Milling Co., Kaslo; $250,000.
Excelsior Gold Mining Co., Vancouver; $500,000.
Favorite Gold Mining & Development Co., Victoria; $5,000,000.
Golden Era Prospecting & Development Co., Rossland; $2,000,000.
Kootenay Safety Mining Co., Rossland; $1,000,000.
Lardo Silver Mining Co., Spokane; $1,000,000.
London and Vancouver Finance and Development Co., England; £100,250.
Maple Leaf Mining and Development Co., Vancouver; $1,000,000.
Nelson Drug Store Co., Vancouver; $50,000.
Prince Mining & Development Co., Golden; $1,000,000.
Queen Bee Gold Mines, Vancouver; $250,000.
Regina Mining Co., Vancouver; $200,000.
Spicer Shingle Mill Co., Vancover; $20,000.
Vancouver & Boundary Creek Mining & Development Co., Vancouver; $500,000.
Western Canada Packing Co., Vancouver; $50,000.
Western Canadian Mining & Development Co., Revelstoke; $1,200,000.
West Kootenay Mining Co., Kaslo; $1,000,000.

Incorporated and registered under the Imperial Act;

Texada Prospecting Gold Mines, Vancouver; $250,000.
London and Vancouver Finance and Development Co., London.
Great Western Mutual Development Corporation, Rossland, $2,500,000.
Canada Mutual Mining and Development Co., Rossland; $2,500,000.
Northern Supply Co., Vancouver; $10,000.
Payne Mining Co. of B.C., Sandon; $100,000.

A DISTRICT WEDDING.

Two [of Saanich's Popular Young Folk Joined in Happy Marriage.

At Saanichton church on Wednesday afternoon last, Rev. F. G. Christmas performed the interesting ceremony uniting as man and wife Mr. William D. Mitchell and Miss Annie Turgoose—both of whom are well known in Victoria and both of whom were born and have grown up in the district which they will continue to make their home. Of course the church was crowded, and the wedding is described by all who were there as the most brilliant event of the kind celebrated in the district during many months.

The groom, who is the youngest son of Mr. Thomas Mitchell, a prosperous pioneer farmer of South Saanich, was supported at the altar by his cousin, Mr. Charles Banfield, of Victoria; the bride—a daughter of the late William Turgoose—was attended by her sisters, the Misses Fannie and Carrie Turgoose. The bridal costume was of cream nun's veiling, trimmed with ribbons of similar color and Brussels lace, the veil being held in place with clusters of the significant orange blossoms, and the bridal bouquet being a fragrant arrangement of roses, tuberoses and maidenhair fern—the gift of the groom.

On the conclusion of the church ceremony, the newly-wedded couple held a reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. Sadler, the wedding supper following, and the bridal party separating about midnight, when Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell came to Victoria en route to Puget Sound on their honeymoon. They spent yesterday as guests at the New England, and will be passengers by the outgoing City of Kingston this morning. On their return they will make their home at Brynmoor farm, South Saanich.

In testimony of the esteem in which both she and her husband are held, Mrs. Mitchell was on her wedding day the recipient of a large number of pretty and appropriate gifts, of which a list is appended:

Marble clock, Mr. Miles Thomas, Victoria; silver card receiver, Mr. J. and the Misses Tolmie; China tea set, Messrs. A. and H. Erb; check, Mr. and Mrs. T. Mitchell; flower stand and China mustard cup, Mr. and Mrs. Sandover; China tea set, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wynne; silver sugar bowl and spoon holder, Mr. and Mrs. A. Menaugh; spirit lamp, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Merkley; cruet, Mr. and Mrs. Banfield; glass fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harrison; silver fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. D. John; card receiver, Miss P. Harrison; water set, Mr. C. Banfield; silver fruit dish, Mr. G. Wynne; fancy vase, Miss Wynne; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Miss Banfield; silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mitchel; hanging lamp, Mr. and Mrs. P. Morley; five o'clock china tea set and pin cushion, Mr. and Mrs. Corfield; flower vase, Mrs. W. J. Dowler: card receiver, Master J. Dowler; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mrs. Morrow; silver tea spoons, Mr. and Mrs. J. Camp; vases, Mr. and Mrs. G. Simpson; carving set, Mr. W. Dean; cheese case, Mrs. Mills; tea service, Miss E. Mills; toast rack, Miss S. Mills; Japanese box, Mr. R. Mills; glass fruit set, Mr. A. and Miss Thomson; fruit dish, Mr. J. Thomson; flower stand, Mr. and Mrs. Bissett; tortoiseshell crumb dish and china trays, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie; tea pot, Mrs. J. Simpson; bamboo table, Messrs. and Miss Stewart; silver salt dish, Mr. Gale; silver pickle castor, Messrs H. and F. Tanner; vases, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong; five o'clock China tea set, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid; silver pickle castor, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brethour; silver butter knife and sugar spoon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Moran; antamacassar, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson; card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Robbins; cream pitcher, Mr. F. Haldon; table cover and tidies, Miss Haldon; silver napkin ring, Mr. G. Sluggett; glass ornaments, Miss M. Thomson; toast racks, Miss Slugget; pin cushion, Miss G. Brooks; vases, Miss A. Harrison; silver pepper and salt cellars, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shaw; picture frame, Miss M. Butler; cruet, Mr. W. Butler; china mustard cup and card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. H. Robbins; water set, Mr. and Miss Roberts; fancy fruit plates, Miss Rey; flower stand, Mr. J. Brooks; silver card receiver, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas; china butter dish, Mr. and Miss Martindale.

ARE THEY THE MAJORITY.

When one has fallen into a swamp, and is hopelessly bemired, he is sure to welcome a man strong enough to pull him out.

Now this world is full of people who are either fettered by disease, like prisoners dragging a chain and ball, or absolutely *stalled* by it, like waggons embedded in a quicksand. We see them or hear about them every day. I'm not sure but those who are more or less hampered by disease comprise the majority of the human race.

Sometimes it is a misfortune merely, and often it is their fault. Be that as it may, they all look around for help. Life is sweet and health is precious—the latter never so much so as after we have lost or impaired it. "*Do you know anything that will be likely to do me good?*" That's the question they all ask, with tongue, with pen, and with pleading, anxious eyes.

Without making rash promises to any one, we beg, nevertheless, to submit two short plain letters as a partial reply.

"In the spring of 1881," says the first, "I began to be low, weak and ailing. I felt tired, heavy and languid, the least thing making me feel weary and exhausted.

"My appetite was poor, and after meals I had pain and heaviness at the chest and sides. I was much troubled with headache, and was often so bad that I could scarcely keep up.

"As time went on I got very weak and nervous, and the pain at the back of my head was almost unbearable. After two years suffering like this my mother persuaded me to try Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. I got a bottle of this medicine from the Co-operative Society at Swanbourne.

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"In the early part of last year, 1894," says the second letter, "I began to suffer from weakness of the stomach and indigestion. After meals I had a heavy weight and pain at my chest, and a gnawing pain at the pit of my stomach. I had at times a feeling of faintness, and got very weak. Although able to get about my customary duties, I had a feeling of pain and discomfort.

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Although diseases are called by many different names, and are popularly supposed to be distinct from one another, they are really—as modern investigations prove—largely results or symptoms of the *one prevailing and radicel disease*, that of the stomach, liver and bowels—indigestion or dyspepsia. It is *this* that cripples and disables the people. More persons die of it, and its sequences, than are slain in war or destroyed by floods, fires, epidemics or otherwise. It is the nuisance and fatality of our civilization.

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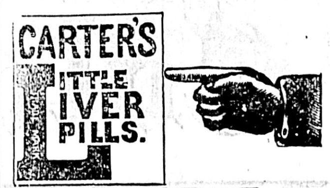
THE VICTORIA BRIDGE.

Proposal to Rebuild and Double-Track That Engineering Masterpiece.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The rebuilding of the Victoria tubular bridge, which in 1860 was considered the greatest engineering feat of the century, is now practically an assured fact. Mr. Hays, the general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Co., recently proposed to have the bridge remodelled and a double track laid, if the governments of the Dominion and the province of Quebec would give assistance. Speaking at La Prairie, near Montreal, to-day, Mr. Flynn, the provincial premier, promised that the government would give a substantial subsidy towards its rebuilding.

Lady—"And now Bridget, is there anything more you require before you become my cook?" Bridget—"Yes, mum; there's wan thing I forgot mum. I'll expect the use of yer bicycle on me afternoons out. I've a bloomer suit of me own."



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THE COMPANIES' ACT.

TO THE EDITOR:—If section 20 of the Companies' Act, which provides that no company shall commence business until ten per cent. of its capital shall be paid up in cash, becomes law, then good-bye to better times, and it will prove itself the severest blow to the development of the mines of this Province it is possible for thoughtless legislation to devise. What does it mean? Legislation for the rich; as it would debar many good honest business men from banding together and forming themselves into a company, for the simple reason they could not put up the necessary per cent. Again, hundreds of claims would never be opened up at all, for the bulk of the cash to do this now comes from the sale of treasury stock, in small sums of $50, $100, and so on. Again, the poor prospector who locates a valuable claim, or what he thinks will prove so with development, would be forced to sell to the one buyer, the well-to-do man—as the bulk of buyers are men with moderate capital, would not buy, as they again would not put up the 10 per cent. This section will kill the mining industry, just as it promises to enrich the province. I, on behalf of many good business men with whom I have spoken in this matter, must appeal strongly to all members of the house to consider what they are proposing to do, viz., ruin the province. It means nothing else.

There are rogues in every business, but it was never intended the many who conduct their business on straightforward lines should be hampered or debarred altogether from sharing in carrying on the same. Get after the rogues by all means; make misrepresentation in prospectuses punishable by heavy fines or imprisonment. You will always find dissatisfied shareholders will hunt up anything wrong and bring it home. It is their interest, and where money is concerned it is a strong one. Again, the public must be given credit for having ordinary business sense, and when they buy mining shares they are fully aware they take some risk. Do not treat the people as if they were a lot of babies. Section 20 never can stand, or you deal British Columbia the heaviest blow she has had for many a long year, and just as she was beginning to go ahead. Wipe out section 20 altogether or kill the mining industry. THOMAS KITCHIN.

Nanaimo, Feb. 17.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE EDITOR:—Because the board of aldermen have seen fit to refrain from making any change in the present system of the fire department as suggested by the chief and recommended by the fire underwriters, some of the call men and a few outsiders are endeavoring to make capital out of what they consider as showing a want of confidence in the chief; but, as one of the fire underwriters, I think I am not in error when I presume to assert that no such reflection was intended by the aldermen. I submit that Chief Deasy has done good work and is entitled to the confidence and support of the board of aldermen and the citizens of this city, and I can assure him of the good-will and esteem of the Victoria fire underwriters for his able and practical management of the fire department, which is proved by the skillful fighting of fires with the least possible damage, and unless the call men who are dissatisfied can show good grounds for the complaint they are bringing against Chief Deasy I trust they will be requested to resign, otherwise the efficiency of the fire department will be depreciated and the safety of the city imperiled. UNDERWRITER.

Victoria, Feb. 18.

GRAVEL IN THE BLADDER.

Used Eighteen Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills—The Stone Dissolved and Removed—Knew of Others Cured.

Shelbourne, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Mr. John Medill, known locally as well as far and near as physical giant and glorying in his strength came to be a great sufferer and tells of his cure as follows:—

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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R. P. RITHET.
4th February, 1897. fe5

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Religious Troubles at the Royal City—Vancouver Gets Rid of Weary Willies.

Great Number of Claims Staked at Harrison Lake—Vegetable Cannery Proposed.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 18.—Much inconvenience has been caused in Vancouver recently by the non-arrival of Eastern Canadian newspapers, due to the blockading of the C.P.R. at points east of Winnipeg. Ordinary mail matter arrived as usual by the Soo link.

Again Detective Haywood of this city has distinguished himself, in connection with the arrest in New Westminster of two or more members of the Bruce Creighton gang, both wanted for depredations here and in the State of Washington. Detective Haywood caught his man on the Fraser river, the fellow having seized a boat and put off, with the detective in pursuit in a second boat, which overtook him, the man making no further resistance. The second member of the gang was at the same time arrested by Detective McLean of this city, who brought him to a halt after being compelled to fire at him with a revolver. These are the only remaining members of the Creighton gang, who are now all safely locked up, which practically puts an end to Vancouver's recent carnival of crime.

Largely attended revival services are being held at the First Baptist church by the Rev. R. W. Trotter, of Victoria. It is hoped as a result of these services that large additions will be made to Baptist church membership in this city.

Judge Bole has suggested to the members of the bar here, that notices of motion be published in the press, so as to obtain desirable publicity, even if advertisement rates should have to be paid. His Honor remarked that the press was a most valuable adjunct to the administration of justice.

The clearing of brush from city lots is not now proceeding at as rapid a rate as before, in consequence of the speedy departure from town of time expired vagrants, sick of a city which, they say, "cruelly compels them to work for a jail living." It is noted as a result of the occupation thus found for men of ample leisure, but no means, that the vagrant fraternity has become a diminishing quantity in Vancouver. Petty thefts and "hold up's" are consequently becoming few in number.

The masquerade ball of the Sons of Herrmann society, held in the Dunn hall last night, was a great succest. It was attended by more than 200 guests and the music, dancing and costumes were alike attractive.

The angry controversy concerning the Society for the Propogation of the Gospel's grant to Bishop Dart has now closed, after the insertion of numerous letters in the local press, most of these strongly defending the position of the Bishop and the English Church society. It is understood that Bishop Dart will shortly visit Eastern Canada en route for England, and before attending the Pan-Anglican synod at Lambeth, appeal to churchmen generally for further aid towards the growing demands of his huge Mainland diocese.

The lecture recently given on Siberia by Dr. De Kannet has realised a net amount of $175 towards the High school library fund, which the school board will be asked to supplement. At least $300 will be required to make the modest beginning of this necessary adjunct to Vancouver's High school.

The Philharmonic concert in aid of the Indian famine fund will realise a very substantial net amount, the total of which is not yet fully ascertained.

In the list of consular and vice-consular representatives for Vancouver already published, the name of Mr. J. McQuillan, consul general for Ecuador, was inadvertently omitted.

The city authorities are rounding up property owners failing to comply with the requirements of the health by-law, and a number of delinquents have been ordered within one month to conform to the local sanitary regulations.

On the Golden Eagle mine, Lillooet, the tunnel is now in 86 feet. There was a supposition that at 67 feet, where schist was struck they had run against the hanging wall. They continued driving in the tunnel, however, and found that the slate or schist met with contained free gold in paying quantities, and the wall has not yet been struck 20 feet further on. The tunnel will be continued until the porphyry dyke is struck. At 64 feet in No. 1 tunnel a shaft has been sunk 13 feet through solid rich quartz containing free gold abundantly visible to the naked eye.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Feb. 18.—Many Westminster men are locating gold claims around Harrison lake and Pitt lake. About Harrison lake in particular more than 100 claims have been staked since August, the pioneer discoverer being Mr. J. O. Trethewey, whose claim, the Providence, has paid from the grass rock, and is steadily shipping ore to the Everett smelter. The ore is stated to assay $200 to the ton at a depth of 17 feet, and is gold, intermingled with a fine grade of silver and lime-yielding quartz, which last greatly facilitates the process of smelting. Many here think that the Harrison Lake district may become a second Trail Creek.

Police Magistrate Atkinson convicted a number of Chinese gamblers here yesterday. Two turned Queen's evidence and let off with a caution.

It is reported that a vegetable cannery may be built near New Westminster in the early future, and land in the Mud Bay district is suggested as being admirably adapted for the growth of asparagus and other choice vegetables on a large scale.

The police commissioners have made strong objections to the city council's resolution to reduce the number of local police with a view to effect a further municipal economy.

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From the Boundary Creek Times.)

Messrs. Douglas and Wake last week bonded the Crown Point, on James creek, and the two adjoining claims, the No. 1 and the No. 2, also the Apache Chief, Oro Fino and three other claims in the group at Rock creek, to Mr. G. Mahon, representing the British Columbia Prospecting Syndicate of Vancouver.

This week the Boundary Mines Company practically took up the bond on the No. 7 by making a second payment of $4,000 on the purchase price of $13,800. A balance of $8,100 is, however, still due to the vendors, and is to be paid in 60 days from the date of the expiration of bond on the 15th inst.

The British Columbia Prospecting Syndicate recently bonded the Orphan, a half interest in the Lulu and a quarter interest in the Wake, all in Central camp, from Mr. Douglas and his partners. The syndicate also purchased 110,000 Silver King shares from Douglas & Atwood.

J. Duford sold his interests this week in two groups of four and six claims, respectively in Kimberley and Skylark camps, to E. E. Cordingley, of Victoria, among the claims sold in the latter camp are the Barrow, Dr. Jim and the American Eagle, all of which are considered promising prospects.

As a result of a two days' canvass by Mr. Black and others the names of nearly sixty applicants were sent this week to the registrar at Vernon to be placed on the roll of provincial voters, from Greenwood alone.

A flock of between fifty and sixty white swan made Vaseux lake their headquarters until last month. They now frequent the riffles and open reaches of the Okanagan river.

A shaft is being sunk on the Adirondack, in Kimberley camp, and is now down 20 feet in solid pyrrhotite ore, showing also considerable pyrites.

Jim Clarke, owner of the Lone Pine, Eureka camp, on the reservation, has thirty men at work developing the claim. Two hundred thousand dollars has been offered on a bond for this property and refused.

The ore body recently struck in the Victoria claim at Camp McKinney is 13 feet wide, the ore being quartz, galena and iron pyrites, assaying well.

A deal of considerable importance in connection with the Grand Forks townsite is in progress.

J. W. Powell has been offered $1,000 for two lots on Copper street. These lots were sold ten months ago for $100 apiece.

The shaft on the Cornucopia, in Central Camp, is down 40 feet in fair ore.

The Mother Lode continues to look well; the tunnel has been driven for 180 feet.

In the Combination the shaft is down 60 feet.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Record.)

At the preliminary meeting of those interested in the formation of a miners' and prospectors' exchange in Rossland, it was decided to organize. There is now a membership of thirty-eight.

Another strike is reported from the Royal Canadian in the Salmon River. The tunnel is in 35 feet, and the face of it is a fine body of high grade ore assaying $53. There are two feet of ore in sight. Two shifts of men are at work.

While blasting a cross-cut tunnel in the Alf a vein of solid ore was encountered at a depth of 59 feet. The vein is six inches wide. It is arsenical iron in quartz with some iron pyrites.

A two-foot vein was struck on Saturday on the Annie E. on Deer Park Mountain at a depth of 40 feet.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The shipments of Le Roi show a slight falling off for the week owing to the mine having been shut down for 36 hours to make repairs. At present all the ore shipped from the mine is moved by teams, but the tramway to Le Roi railroad spur will be put into operation the latter part of the week.

Work on the new standard gauge railway from Trail to Robson is well under way. The contractors have started work all along the line and upwards of 200 men are employed. It is not believed now that the road will be ready for operation before July 1.

The Nickel Plate is down 218 feet and has three shifts working day and night. In a few days work on the shaft will be stopped and a drift begun at the 200-foot level. Work is also to be shortly resumed in the drift in the 100-foot level.

LATEST MARKETS,

Stocks in New York and London Dull and Flat—Wheat Steady After Numerous Fluctuations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—To-day's market for securities on the stock exchange was notable for nothing but its excessive dullness. The closing prices were: C. B. & Q., 73⅞; D. & H., 107¼; L. & N., 49; N. Y. C., 92½; N. P. preferred, 37¾; W. U., 81⅞; Com. Cable, 165; C. P. R. in London, 56½; bar silver, 64⅝c.

The Evening Post's financial cable dated London, Feb. 18, says the stock markets to-day, after profound stagnation and dullness, closed flat on account of complications in politics. Consols sold at 111 3-16. In all the movements in consols, just how, it must be remembered that everything apart from politics favors a rise rather than a fall. Americans were listless, none of the big financiers yet showing a lead in either direction.

Wheat receipts, 20,350 bushels; exports, 129,740 bushels; sales, 2,750,000 bushels futures; 88,000 bushels spot. Spot firm. No. 1 northern, 84½c. f.o.b. afloat. No. 1 hard, 88¾c. f.o.b. afloat. Options opened slightly easier under conflicting cable news, but promptly rallied on higher private advices, bullish winter wheat news and covering. They eased off, but finally rallied again on export buying and closed ½ to 1c. net higher. No. 2 red, February, closed at 82½c.; March, 82 to 82⅞c., closed at 82¾c.; April, closed at 81⅜c.; May, 80¼ to 81 5-16c., closed at 81c.; June, 80¼ to 80⅜c., closed at 80⅜c.; July, 78 to 87⅜c.; September, closed at 75¾c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Leading futures closed as follows: Wheat No. 2, February, 73¾c.; May, 75¼ to 75⅜c.; July, 71½c.; September, 69⅞c. Reciepts wheat, 21,000; shipments, 66,000.

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An article appeared in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe with all the prominence of the leading place and double leading. It was an argument for the government control of railways. The first proposition laid down is that railway companies will not compete for the public benefit. Practically, says the Globe, there is but one railway corporation from one end of Canada to the other. We quote:

The idea that the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk railways would continue to wage upon one another a war in which both must lose, while they have it in their power by combination to charge whatever the traffic will bear, is one that cannot be entertained for a moment by anyone who knows the ways of business and the ways of the world. They will, of course, stop at the point at which rates would become prohibitory and so destroy business, but short of that there is no possibility of control over them except State control.

The Globe bases its claim for the State of the right to interfere in the control of railways upon the fact that "they owe their very existence to the right to expropriate private property." We think the claim of the State has a deeper foundation than this. Railways obtain by legislation certain franchises which are in the nature of monopolies. There is an implied obligation on the part of the company to exercise the franchise thus conferred for the advantage of the public. The railway corporation and the railway franchise are creatures of legislation, and it is never to be presumed that this creation was for any other object than to advance the welfare of the community. When the powers which the legislature has thus conferred are used to the public injury, or when they are not being used for the public advantage, the legislature has clearly the right to interfere. If a railway company expropriates a piece of private property for its right of way, and afterwards ceases to use it for that purpose, the land reverts to its former owner, even though no express legislation provides that it shall do so. All franchises granted in derogation of public or private rights are in the nature of trusts, and if the trust is violated the franchise may be forfeited. Upon the principle involved in this doctrine, a legislature has the undoubted right to provide that the powers and franchises which it confers upon a corporation shall be exercised for the public benefit and is itself the sole and final judge of the necessity for interference. We take it that upon this point there is no room for doubt whatever. The question of the expediency of exercising this power is another matter. In the United States there is the Interstate Commerce Commission and in many of the states there are local railway commissioners. These deal with various phases of the traffic question and, while some mistakes have been made, the consensus of opinion is that they have proved on the whole a public advantage. The great demand that is going up for lower freight rates throughout the Northwest, and especially the claims that have been put forward in behalf of government control of the Crow's Nest Pass railway when built, indicate that in one portion of Canada at least the ruling rates of freight are regarded as excessive. There are, of course, two sides to the story, and one of the purposes of a permanent railway commission would be to make the other side public. We are not, however, sure that the country is ready for the assumption by the government of an active supervision of existing railway tariffs, but the Globe has done well in giving the matter prominence, and the question is one that will bear full discussion.

GOLD MINING SHARES.

Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, has felt called upon to warn his congregation against being drawn into the vortex of mining speculation, and seemed inclined to find fault with the newspapers for giving great prominence to mining matters. Without a fuller report of the reverend gentleman's remarks than we have at hand, it is not possible to pass judgment upon them, but that he is not without warrant in directing his attention to the matter will, we think, be admitted by all persons who are in a position and are willing to form an honest opinion about it. No true friend of British Columbia desires to see the people of the Eastern provinces or elsewhere misled into rash mining speculations. Everyone, who has the welfare of our province at heart, will join with us in an expression of regret that unscrupulous speculators are taking advantage of the great results and greater promise of mining development to foist upon the public schemes which are unworthy of serious consideration for a single moment. At the same time it is extremely difficult to know where to draw the line. No responsible newspaper would knowingly admit to its columns the advertisement of a "fake" mining concern. But how can it decide a matter of this kind in advance? It is not so long ago that Le Roi stock was being offered for 10 cents a share, and the offer was regarded by nine people out of ten as a plain gambling proposition. Yet that same stock is now worth almost as many dollars. A newspaper published in a neighboring city declined to recommend the purchase of this stock at 10 cents, and the party having it to dispose of left the town without making a sale. Other instances of a similar nature could be cited. There is absolutely no way by which a newspaper can tell in advance whether a mine or mining stock advertised in its columns is such as warrants investment.

In regard to mining news, every paper desires to print only the facts; but it being impossible to verify all statements coming from the mining districts, or even a majority of them, the almost invariable practice of careful newspapers is to give the authority upon which its news of this class is printed, leaving its readers to judge of its value for themselves. To Dr. Milligan it may seem that the reports from British Columbia mining fields must necessarily be gross exaggerations. As a rule they are not, as he would know if he would visit the mining camps himself and see what is being done and what is in prospect. As a matter of fact most of the news is given very guardedly.

Nevertheless it is unfortunately only too true that a number of pettifogging schemers are taking advantage of the mining development of this Province to fleece the unsuspecting public. We know of only one way in which to checkmate their nefarious schemes, and that is for the press to keep the public on their guard against this new class of confidence men—that is new to Canada.

So far as the purchase of stock in companies started in good faith is concerned, intending buyers ought to exercise the utmost caution. There is not so much necessity for saying this on the Coast as there is in the East. Here people generally know pretty well what they are doing when they buy mining stock. They know that the purchase of cheap stocks is speculation pure and simple and when they buy them they do so with their eyes open. A man out here who would complain that he made a loss by buying $1 stock for 5 or 10 cents would simply be laughed at. In the East it may be otherwise, and probably is. People there are not so closely in touch with mining matters as they are here. They do not realize what it takes to convert a mere prospect into a producing mine. They do not understand that among the thousands of claims staked out there must necessarily be a large percentage that are of no earthly value. But the fault does not lie wholly with the press, or even with the promoters of stock companies. The buyers, who may lose their money, must directly bear a large measure of the responsibility. When something nominally worth a dollar is offered for five cents, any person with an ounce of common sense must know that there is some element of chance in the matter. If there was not, no such offer would be made. When the stock of a mine is worth par, it is not sold for such fractional prices as those which usually attract the buyers for whom Dr. Milligan speaks, and it is preposterous to suppose that they do not know this. Any man fit to live without a guardian knows the element of risk involved in buying development shares in a mining corporation. It is largely because the gambling instinct is so strongly developed in most people that schemes which are purely speculative, not to call them by a harsher name, succeed, and their promoters get rich at the expense of a lot of people who are willing to take the chance of getting something for nothing, or next to it.

On the general proposition of mining investment it may be said that the intending purchaser of stocks has his best guarantee in the character of the promoters of any enterprise, although it not infrequently happens that men of standing lend their names to projects which will not stand investigation. The Eastern man contemplating investment in any mining company may well conclude at the outset that notwithstanding everything that is said in the prospectus or the names of the men upon it, gold mining until a certain stage in development has been reached is a speculation, and that after that stage either the enterprise is a flat failure or else its stock assumes a value in keeping with the actual facts brought to light, and is no longer sold at nominal figures. The promoters of mining companies are not in the business for the cause of sweet charity.

WE print a letter from Mr. Thomas Kitchen, of Nanaimo, criticizing the Companies Act as introduced. The remarks made by the Attorney General in the house yesterday indicate that the government will be very much pleased to hear what business men have to say in regard to this very important piece of legislation, and the COLONIST will be glad to be the vehicle for such persons to express their views. We only ask that all letters sent to us shall be as short as possible, go directly to the point and avoid any political references.

THERE is some prospect that the Oregon legislature may adjourn to-day without electing a senator. Ordinarily this would be a matter of very little importance, but owing to the political complexion of the United States senate every vote counts on the tariff question, and it is said that unless Oregon sends a high protectionist to succeed Senator Mitchell, or re-elects that gentleman to succeed himself, it is more than doubtful if the proposed new tariff can be carried.

MR. FRANK ALLINGHAM, of Kamloops, has written the COLONIST a very long letter and stipulates that it shall not be criticized unless the whole letter is printed. As we cannot comply with this stipulation, for some portions of the letter are utterly irrelevant to any public question, we are obliged to return it to him. We regret this the less since Mr. Allingham appears to have anticipated such a result. He will have the benefit, therefore, of our expected declinature.

THE Seattle Times thinks that the recent manoeuvres of the United States navy have demonstrated, among other things, that notwithstanding all modern appliances in the way of electric searchlights a swift sailing steamer could get alongside one of the big ironclads under cover of darkness and blow her out of the water with torpedoes. This goes to show that it takes more than dollars to make an efficient navy.

While thinking of how to beautify Victoria, it is well to consider what out to be done with the shore in front of the parliament buildings. In a few months the grounds surrounding that splendid structure will be cleared up, and the contrast with the shore, if something is not done with the latter, will be very great. The same is true of the ground above the James Bay bridge.

LIFE is too short to be so terribly serious all the time as our friend the Columbian is. It now wants the COLONIST to seriously explain last year's "deficit of $600,000." Now, when it comes to serious speaking, may we ask our contemporary if it is honestly of the opinion that there was a deficit of $600,000 last year? For a reason why sometimes it is not well to be serious, see Proverbs, xxvi, 4.

THE Toronto Telegram hopes the Hon. A. G. Blair will be big enough to see that the Crow's Nest Pass railway gives the Laurier government the opportunity of a lifetime. We hope Mr. Blair is several sizes bigger than this, and not only Mr. Blair, but every member of Parliament. We hope he will see that in British Columbia there is the opportunity of a lifetime for Canada.

THE CANADIAN PRESS.

MCKINLEY DUTIES ON ORE.

The effect of the increased duties will be to stimulate the smelting industry in our own country. Not only will Canadian smelting projects now be pushed rapidly ahead, but it is probable that some of the United States smelters which have been reaping rich harvests from B. C. mine-owners will be moved over to this side. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the McKinley tariff will in the end play right into Canada's mit.—Calgary Herald.

THE KOOTENAY TOWNS.

The legislature should accede to the petitions from these three places—that is, provided that Grand Forks can make out as good a case as Nelson and Rossland—and pass the bill incorporating these towns with as little delay as possible.—News-Advertiser.

EQUALITY OF THE SEXES.

One who is ambitious and has succeeded in reaching the highest summits of her profession, and has demonstrated her practical ability to teach school, ought to have no impediment placed in her way because forsooth she is a woman.—Vancouver World.

HINDUS AND CANADIANS.

Their Empress is our Sovereign. Their allies are ours. The foe that attacks them assails us. Should Britain ever be pressed in war, Canadian and Hindu will be found fighting side by side for her deliverance.—St. John Sun.

£ bicycle, "built like a watch" on view at Nicholles & Renouf's. A. J. Dallain, sole agent. x

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Col. Baker's connection with the B. C. Southern Company never has been any secret. Whenever extensions of the franchise have been asked he has informed the house of his interest in the company and refrained from voting. He became a member of the corporation before he became a minister of the Crown, and it has yet to be held that a man forfeits any of his private rights by becoming a minister. It has not been said, and it cannot be truthfully said, that Col. Baker has even indirectly used his position as a member of the government to obtain any advantage for the company. In fact, his whole connection with it has been open and above board, known of all men and avowed on every necessary occasion.

Why should anyone think that the B. C. Southern should be treated differently from other railway companies having land subsidies? If its grant should be declared forfeit because the road has not been built, why should not other companies be treated in the same way? The truth of the matter is that during the recent depression not even big land grants could induce capitalists to put money into railways.

Dr. Walkem either ought not to have made his attack upon the Provincial Secretary or he should have been prepared with some colorable excuse for it. The incident ended without any great amount of harm being done, but the province would not have lost anything if it had not occurred.

Mr. Helmcken's remarks indicated that when the B. C. Southern "ambiguity" bill comes into committee a somewhat lively discussion may be anticipated, an idea that was much strenthened when Dr. Walkem declared his intention of moving for the repeal of the company's subsidy.

If members of the house will devote their time to a thorough study of the Companies' Act now before them a week or so of delay in its passage will be rather a good thing than otherwise.

"Ambiguity" was an inspiration.

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Mrs. Pigment—Is not the frostwork on the panes beautiful this morning, James? Mr. P.—Admirable. Mrs. P.—Oh! Art can never reach such perfection. Mr. P.—Never. Mrs. P.—Considered from one artistic standpoint what kind of work would you call that? Mr. P.—I should call it a frieze.—Boston Courier.

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THE city council have decided to extend the time for receiving tenders for the removal of the city garbage until the 1st proximo.

THE annual crusade against unlicensed dogs is commencing this season somewhat earlier than usual, the collector having already taken the field.

ANTICIPATING a renewal of the good old times, Pither & Leiser have just received an importation of fifteen hundred kegs, which they have stored in their warehouse.

IT WAS the COLONIST'S Indian famine fund subscription list that grew yesterday, the additions being as follows: M. A. P., $1; J. S. Harvey, E. Dupont, A. S. Knight and P. W. Bell, of Quesnelle, $5 each; and A. & R. Lubb, $1.

TO-DAY'S specials—Cream puffs and chocolate le clairs; something extra nice; made from pure rich cream. We use five gallons daily in making these dainties alone; also lovely French pies, and those cute little doughnuts. At Lawrence, the caterer.. x

BERT WASHINGTON, who has enjoyed himself without manifesting any desire to work for a living during three months past, will for the next quarter reverse the arrangement and work for three months without the enjoyment. He was convicted of vagrancy in the police court yesterday, and given a term at hard labor. Jack Forbes, similarly charged, is now dodging a bench warrant for arrest.

THE Northern Pacific railroad has just issued a new folder in connection with their service to the Kootenay mining country. As a means of interesting people in that part of British Columbia the neat half tone reproduction from photographs with which the circular is embellished will doubtless prove very successful. Pictures of the mining camps there are in numbers, but these little views give a very perfect idea of what a mining camp really is.

AMONG the most popular of local forms of evening entertainments are the conversaziones periodically given by the ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church, and the one given last evening was no exception to the rule. A novel feature of the event was the chess tournament, open to all comers, which created great interest among the devotees of that royal game. The musical programme, which closed the evening's enjoyment, was varied and high class and added many laurels to those already earned by the various well known performers.

THE only interesting case heard in the Police Magistrate's court yesterday was that in which Gregory S. Pouldio figures as defendant, being charged with keeping a gaming house. The police were not yet ready to proceed and a continuance was accordingly granted, Pouldio being released on $200 bail. It was not simply running a poker game that brought trouble upon Pouldio, according to the story of the police. He is said to have introduced variety in the form of marked cards and a chuck-a-luck outfit, messenger boys and other very young victims being the chief patrons of the latter.

CHARLES, or more familiarly "Charlie" Pagden, who for two years past has acted as caterer to the legislative assembly of British Columbia, died yesterday at "The Hall," on Fort street, of which during several months past he has been proprietor. His demise removes still another familiar figure from among the ranks of the pioneers, he having come here so long ago as 1863—just in time to participate in the rush to Leech river. Afterwards the late Mr. Pagden tried his fortune as a gold seeker in other parts of the province; the greater part of the past quarter of a century was, however, spent by him in Victoria, in the hotel or saloon business. The deceased was a native of Surrey, England, where he was born in 1840.

THE cars will convey you to and from the Woodmen's charity ball. x

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental x

MANDOLIN club string orchestra this week at Lawrence's cafe. x

JAMES C. TUNSTALL, of Vancouver, has been appointed deputy clerk of the peace for Yale.

REV. W. Leslie Clay conducts the Bible class to-day at the rooms of the Y.W.C.A.

MESSRS. S. See and F. A. Gowen were the winners at the J.B.A.A. whist tournament last evening—Sam at the top and Gus at the bottom of the score.

THE death occurred yesterday at their home in Victoria West of Mrs. William Dockings, a native of Devonshire, and 39 years of age. She leaves a husband and large family, including a baby but ten days old.

THE funeral of the late James Tyson took place yesterday, Rev. Dr. Campbell officiating, and the following acting as pall bearers: Messrs. J. McKinley, A. Gilmore, R. Carter, D. Russell, J. Flett and C. R. King. The deceased was a charter member of the I. O. F., Court Burrard, Vancouver, and leaves a widow and family of nine.

A SIGN of the approaching summer adorns the bulletin board at the city hall, it being in the form of a notice of motion by Ald. Kinsman, to the following effect: "That tenders be invited by the city purchasing agent for hiring a team of horses for drawing the street sprinklers, at such times as they may be required during the ensuing season."

MRS. MARSHALL, a resident of the old Esquimalt road, died very suddenly on Wednesday night, and her death is today to be made the subject of a coroner's inquiry. She had been ailing for some time, though no doctor was in regular attendance. Dr. Frank Hall was summoned at the last moment to attend on the dying woman, but he being ill the sought for medical help did not arrive. The deceased leaves besides a bereaved husband three of a family.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

Customs Business in British Columbia Growing—Dr. Montizambert Goes East —Down From the Mining Country.

J. S. Clute, inspector of customs, left for Westminster last night after disposing of some departmental business. Mr. Clute finds that the province is growing so rapidly that his business as inspector gives him all he can do in spite of his having been relieved of the duties of collector of customs at Westminster by the promotion of Mr. Peter Grant to that position.

Having completed his inspection of the quarantine at William Head and gathered information as to the various ports on the island and at Port Townsend, Dr. Montizambert, superintendent of Dominion quarantines, left this morning for the Mainland. He will visit Westminster and Vancouver before proceeding to Ottawa to report.

Andrew Bell, of Montreal, who is making his first trip to the Coast in the interests of the Globe Rubber Co. of Quebec, is at the Driard. He has just been initiating himself in the ways of a mining country, for he visited Rossland and the principal mining districts of the interior, and what seems a surprise to his innocent mind is that every storekeeper there appears to be a mine owner as well.

Henry Hay, formerly mayor of Westminster, is down from Kaslo to recuperate from a bad attack of grippe and is at the Oriental, private business being partly the cause of his visit to Victoria. The Slocan country he looks upon as the greatest mining district in the Province, and predicts that before long the development of other portions around the upper end of Kootenay lake will prove just as rich as anything yet discovered. He has some wonderfully rich specimens of ore to back up his opinions, and incidentally remarked last night that he was surprised at the ore that was being taken out a great deal nearer the coast, namely, at Harrison lake. Just before he left Westminster he was shown specimens from veins there rich in copper and with pieces of free gold as large as a wheat grain sticking out of the rock.

SOMETHING good—Table d'hote dinner, 50 cents. Served at Lawrence's cafe. Try one. x

Irish point lace curtains and Brussels and Swiss embroidered curtains opened at The White House—nothing newer or more handsome in design than these.

Mining Companies' office stationery a specialty at the COLONIST office. x

MARINERS' TROUBLES.

Bark "Lyderhorn's" Sailors Refuse to Work and Are Imprisoned —Their Defence.

The Subject of Their Complaints—On Board a Disabled Tug—"Mackinaw" Again.

A sailor, well disciplined in the art of telling a good story, entertained a few water-front frequenters just before the steamer Rosalie took her departure for the Sound last evening. He was leaving for Port Townsend, where he expected to rejoin the tug Enterprise—hailing from that port—which he had left in trouble on Tuesday last. The tug, he says, broke her shaft and lost her propeller about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, when half way between Steward and Pender islands. When he and another of the crew started for Victoria about four hours after the accident the vessel was perfectly helpless and drifting with the tide. She was on her return to Port Townsend, having taken a crew to Chemainus for the bark Lyderhorn, now in Esquimalt. R. W. Smith—for such is the name the sailor gives—says he left the Enterprise in a small boat, in which he reached Sidney after a distressing and exciting voyage. He left the vessel in company with another individual, whose courage failed him long before the travels were at an end. After passing Moresby island Smith describes his voyage as terrible. One had to bail water continually while the other labored at the oars. This experience lasted for several hours until finally the sea growing too rough they were obliged to put back to Moresby island, where the discouraged ones are still supposed to be. On reaching shore Smith built a fire on the beach and lay down with his feet to the blaze, tired and exhausted. "I was so fatigued," he explained, "that when I was aroused from my slumbers I found the shoes burnt off my feet and the lower part of my pants all destroyed. That's the reason why I have these old things on me now—and he exhibited in evidence a typical pair of sailor's jeans and a big coarse pair of shoes. Among those he was addressing was S. M. Harned, an old school mate of his, who was also about to take the boat for Port Townsend, having been visiting Victoria for the purpose of engaging sailors, some half dozen of whom he had with him. He represents Thomas Newman, who handles the agency at Port Townsend for supplying crews to vessels, and his presence in the city yesterday was fortunate. Eleven of the crew which the Enterprise brought over for the Lyderhorn appeared in the provincial police court yesterday morning and as their grievance largely concerns Mr. Newman, the latter's representative being here was able to explain that he (Mr. Newman) would be here to defend himself this morning. Mr. Newman was on board the Enterprise but that vessel, Mr. Harned states, is now safe at Port Townsend. The trouble for which the eleven sailors now find themselves in jail arises from their refusal to work on board ship. The men, who include one of the wrecked Puritan's sailors and who is well known to the police, claim to have been the subjects of a conspiracy at the hands of Newman to defraud them out of hard-earned money. They shipped on condition that they each receive $40 advance, but they discovered that when accounts were settled up their board bills left them little of a balance besides the money advanced. This should not be, they consider, as in some cases not more than two or three days' accounts had been run.

THE COSTA RICA'S PREDICAMENT.

The steamer Costa Rica will be unable to return to a British port for some time, as she is registered in Nicaragua, and recent constitutional changes necessitate her registering in another country, which will probably be neither the United States nor Great Britain, owing to the difficulty of a transfer to those countries, says the Nanaimo Free Press. She will probably register under the Hawaiian flag, which, it is said, will necessitate her going to Honolulu.

IN HARD LUCK.

The steam collier Mackinaw, which was ashore last week on Marrowstone point, seems destined to hard luck. After the remarkable feat of squirming herself off the beach, she steamed across the bay, and tied up in a Port Townsend slip for inspection. Beyond being a little sprung amidships slight damages were shown and the survey board reported in favor of her continuing her voyage to San Francisco. After the examination, however, the ill-fated collier sustained further damages while moored at the dock. At low tide her bow settled down on a sharp rock which penetrater her bottom. As the tide rose she took water and is now in a worse condition than when stuck in the clam bed on Marrowstone point.

TO CALL AT ESQUIMALT.

The veteran warship Adams, of the U. S. navy, now in service as a training ship for young Americans, has started from San Francisco on a five months' cruise, in the course of which she will visit Tacoma, Seattle, Port Townsend, Esquimalt and Honolulu.

MARINE NOTES.

On leaving here for San Francisco last evening the steamer Umatilla was filled with freight, having, besides a good cargo from the Sound, nearly 200 tons from Victoria, including 150 tons of China freight brought here by the Olympia. The Umatilla's passengers from Victoria were: Mrs. A. Malmo, Mrs. Clinton, M. Lichtenstein, N. Eckles, A. Brown, W. A. Stevens, R. E. Verrinder, P. Uchefrity, Miss M. Hughes, Miss L. Dickson, H. F. Clinton, A. J. Periard and G. F. Hauft and wife.

The steamers Thistle and Coquitlam, operated from Vancouver, will continue halibut fishing until the end of the month, but the Capilano will make no more trips, this being a result of the recent fall in Eastern prices.

The British ship Speke, which put back to Port Angeles on Tuesday had not only bad weather, but a bad list caused by her cargo of lumber shifting.

The British bark Province and the American barkentine Katy Flickinger are preparing to leave Burrard Inlet with lumber cargoes, shipped at Moodyville and Hastings respectively.

The steamer Gipsy, belonging to the Royal City Mills, has been wrecked at London Slough on the Fraser. She now lies sunk in about five feet of water—a total wreck.

The Tees towed the Danube around to Esquimalt yesterday, where the latter docks for a cleaning and painting.

ENTERED.

Str. Charmer	from	Vancouver.
" City of Kingston	"	Port Townsend.
" Rosalie	"	" "
" Umatilla	"	" "
" Princess Louise	"	N. Westminster.
" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.

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" Evangel	"	Port Angeles.
" Umatilla	"	San Francisco.

THE Gazette of yesterday contains the full judgments of the Supreme court affirming the constitutionality of the Small Debts Act, 1895, and the Coal Mines Regulation Amendment Act, 1890.

EUGENE FISCHER, who is charged with the embezzlement of $500 from a Seattle business firm by whom he was employed, is being sought in this city. He is said to have come here from Vancouver Tuesday evening.

THE regular meeting of Victoria camp No. 52, Woodmen of the World, will be held this evening. Initiation and other important business will be transacted, after which the meeting will resolve itself into a committee to discuss arrangements for the charity ball on the 26th inst.

YESTERDAY'S issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains official notice of the appointment of Mr. T. B. Hall to succeed Dr. I. W. Powell as a member of the Victoria city board of licensing commissioners. T. S. Annandale and Richard McBride are appointed members of the board for Westminster city.

THE shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum and Mineral Company have a special general meeting at their offices on Fort street on the 1st proximo, to confirm certain agreements and to authorize a sale of assets to the Crow's Nest Coal Company, accepting fully paid up shares of the latter in payment.

MR. C. J. SIM having accepted office as clerk of the Matsqui Dyking district, has resigned his commission, and the number of the commissioners has been reduced to two.

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Third Session of the Seventh Parliament.

EIGHTH DAY.

THURSDAY, Feb. 18, 1897.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock. After prayers by Rev. S. Cleaver,

Mr. Cotton presented the petition of the Cottonwood River B. C. Alluvial Gold Mining Co. of British Columbia (Foreign), to confirm them in the possession of their rights in this Province.

Mr. Hume presented the petition of W. Moore, D. J. Munn, W. F. McKie, for a railway to be called the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway Co.

Mr. Rogers presented the petition of the Cariboo Railway Co., asking for an extension of time in which to complete the construction of the road.

Mr. Graham presented the petition of Charles Wilson, J. H. Senkler and Edgar Bloomfield to incorporate a company to supply Anaconda, Midway, Boundary Falls and Greenwood City with water, etc.

Capt. Irving presented a petition from the Kootenay Power Co. for an extension of time for commencing operations.

Mr. Helmcken presented a petition from R. A. Cooper and others asking for an extension of time for the Vancouver & Lulu Island railway.

Mr. Hume presented a petition from A. W. Jones and others for a bill to incorporate waterworks at Nelson.

The private bills committee presented a report showing that the standing orders in reference to the following petitions have been complied with:

Of the Lardeau Railway company.

Of the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited.

Major Mutter presented the first report of the public accounts committee submitting the returns:

1—Statement of amounts paid on account of parliament buildings construction from July 1, 1896, to Jan. 31, 1897.

2—Statement of cash on hand Dec. 31. 1896.

3—Statement of the Nakusp & Slocan railway account to Dec. 31, 1896.

4—Statement of the Shuswap & Okanagan railway account to Dec. 31, 1896.

Major Mutter presented the printing committee's report, recommending that various returns presented during the past few days be printed.

The following petitions were read and received:

For a bill to incorporate "The Kaslo Electric Light Company."

For a bill to incorporate "The Nanaimo-Alberni Railway Company."

For a bill to incorporate "The British Columbia Power and Light Company."

SPEAKER'S RULING.

The ruling of Mr. Speaker on Tuesday on the motion of Mr. Macpherson in regard to the sale of lands for fishing stations, was handed down in printed form, and reads:

"The motion of the hon. second member for Vancouver (Mr. Macpherson) asks the house to definitely instruct the government with respect to the operation of the Land Act, in so far as the provisions of that act deal with lands upon the sea coast and upon navigable rivers, etc., available for fishing stations. The motion is important and sweeping in scope and character, and if passed by the house must be accepted by the government as an imperative instruction. Had the matter come before the house in the form of a bill it would be out of order as attacking the prerogative of the crown both upon the power to deal with crown lands and to initiate legislation for the administration of the lands besides, and I am of opinion that in its present form being mandatory in its expression and intent, the resolution would have all the effects of a bill, since its passage would compel the Government to bring down an amendment to the Land Act or adopt the only alternative open to them (see Speaker's decisions, pp. 74, 75, 77, 126, 138 and p. 36, journals of this house, 1887). I rule the resolution out of order in its present form.

Mr. Hume moved for a return showing:

(a.) The amount of timber dues collected from each mill owner in West Kootenay, giving the name of each owner and amount paid by such owner;

(b.) The amounts collected from companies or private parties upon cordwood, giving name of companies and amounts paid by each;

(c.) Giving the names of collectors and amounts collected by each for the year 1896.

The Premier had no objection to the returns, but he reminded members that the amount of work necessitated by the number of extended returns asked for was apt to make more help required in the lands and works department.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Kellie introduced a bill to incorporate the Trail Water Co., which was read a first time and referred to the private bills committee.

Mr. Macpherson moved, seconded by Mr. Forster, for copies of all correspondence, including surveyors' reports, relating to any lands alienated or leased under the provisions of the "Land Act, 1896.

This was carried.

Dr. Walkem moved, seconded by Mr. Helmcken, for all correspondence between any member of the government and County Court Judge Forin, either before or after his appointment as a county court judge, in connection with his appointment of stipendiary magistrate, with the accompanying emolument of $500 per annum, for the purpose of giving effect to the "Small Debts Act."

Dr. Walkem in support of his resolution said that the institution of the Small Debts court had transferred a quantity of the County court work to the Small Debts court, and he objected to the province giving the County court judges additional emolument to the salaries paid by the Dominion, and losing the fees that would have been brought in if the cases were tried in the County court.

Hon. Mr. Eberts had no objection to the motion, but wished to explain the position of Judge Forin. The duties of Judge Forin were very onerous, as he had not only to perform those of County court judge, but also to act as local judge of the Supreme court. The County court judges had been appointed by the Dominion on the distinct understanding that the province was to supplement the salaries by a sum of at least $500 for their duties as stipendiary magistrate, and with a view to carrying out the wish of the house expressed last session, an arrangement had been made with Judge Forin that for the additional sum of $300 he was to sit in the Small Debts court and to hand in all the fees to the province. He desired to make this explanation to the house and the members he believed would agree with him.

In reply to a question by Mr. Helmcken the Attorney-General stated that the making of a similar arrangement in regard to other districts was being very carefully considered by the government, but that they had certain difficulties to overcome owing to the fact that in some cases the salaries obtained by stipendiary magistrates were small.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Cotton, for a return of all applications for coal lands at Rock Creek and White Lake, East Yale, and also of all correspondence relating thereto.

This was carried.

Mr. Macpherson asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: What steps have been taken, if any, to know that the various railways in the province are complying with the "British Columbia Railway Act?"

Hon. Mr. Martin replied:

"Railway companies have been required to file plans and books of reference of the line of their roads; and to guard against the obstruction of highways and bridges; to give notice when their railways have been completed and are ready for the safe conveyance of passengers. The said railways have then been inspected by engineers appointed by the government. The railway companies within the legislative authority of this province have been furnished with copies of the British Columbia Railway Act and their attention directed to its provisions and the necessity for compliance therewith.

MASTERS AND SERVANTS.

Hon. Mr. Eberts in moving the second reading of the Master and Servant act stated that as the acts of England in force in 1859 only became law here in so far as they were applicable to this province, it was thought best to bring in this act. It had been found to work very well in Ontario and it was introduced here with a view to assisting the workingman. The act gave master and servant a chance to enter into an arrangement whereby to a certain extent they were partners, but it was provided that while an agreement could be made between master and servant so that the employe might participate in the profits of the business, yet the workmen were not liable as partners for the debts of the concern. Otherwise a hardship might result to the workman. Mr. Eberts also explained the provisions of the act as already published and moved for the second reading of the bill.

Mr. Semlin, while in sympathy with the intention of ameliorating the condition of the workingman, did not approve of clause 8, which provided that bargains between master and servant made outside the province for services to be rendered in British Columbia, should be binding if they were of such a nature as would have been binding if made within the province. He thought that this was just the reverse of an alien labor law, and he did not approve of it.

Mr. Kennedy would like to see some amendment introduced in committee to prevent an employer who was tricky being able to defraud a workingman with whom he had an agreement, by making it appear as if there were no profits to divide.

The second reading was then carried.

B. C. SOUTHERN RAILWAY AID ACT.

The Attorney-General in moving the second reading of the "act to correct an ambiguity in the B. C. Southern Railway aid act, 1894," stated that in 1894 when the consolidation was made of the acts relating to the Crow's Nest and the B. C. Southern Railway it was not contemplated to convey any extension of the land grant to the third section of the road from the central section to the coast, but only to confirm the existing land grant. No grant was ever made, nor was it intended to give one for the coast section, nor did the promoters themselves ever make such a claim.

Mr. Helmcken could not for the life of him understand why the house should be asked to pass an act which was entitled "An act to specifically correct an ambiguity," and so forth. In looking at the history of this road he found that the first act relative thereto was passed in 1888, when it was incorporated as the Crow's Nest railway. Now it seemed lost sight of the fact that one of the essential sections of the act, section 24, distinctly set forth that the company was to commence its work within two years from the passage of the act and must complete its construction in five years from the time the act was passed, time being specially declared to be material and the essence of the contract. He did not know of any other railway act containing a similar clause. However, he was not going to oppose any legislation that would restore 20,000,000 acres to the public domain. His object in making these remarks was there was on the motion paper a motion in his name for the repeal of the land grant to this railway. He had intended to bring down this motion in support of the principle which he thought should be carried out now, and he was sure that the government would agree with him that when a railway company or any other company or person or persons had conferred upon it by the government a certain land grant upon certain conditions that it ought to be the duty of the donees to carry on the work and proceed with its completion within a reasonable time, or on the other hand it ought to be in the power of the government to do away with that crown grant of land, declare it forfeited and restore such land to the public domain and bring it under the land laws of the province. As to what the Attorney General called "an ambiguity" there were but four sections in the act of 1894, and surely that house would not like to state that its legislation in 1894 was so loose that the legislature had allowed the two words "and C" to slip in. Now it was desired to rescind these words and reduce the grant to its original proportions. He had no objection to that, but he did object to the head lines of this present bill. He did not want it to go forth that the house made a contract one year and annulled it the next. Their policy in the past had been to make these grants to railway companies and others, and let them do as they pleased. Now they found that they had made an error and he thought it was about time they set about correcting it, but, on the other hand, it would be as well that people or any person or company who obtained a charter from this legislature should know that unless they did proceed with their work and expeditiously performed it within a reasonable time the legislature would insist that the public should have their rights and that the land should go back to the public domain. However, he found that the company had done something and that it might be possible that they might have entered into arrangements to proceed with the work. He therefore thought that it might be injurious to the best interests of the province to interfere at the present time, and it, in his opinion, would not be right to proceed with any bill which would have the effect of producing such a result. He had been informed that satisfactory arrangements had been made for the construction of this railway or some portion of it during the early spring. Although that assurance was made, the company would leave itself open to an attack of this kind, and notwithstanding that assurance, if it did not proceed with the work, because the lands as he understood it were valuable and they could not be dealt with; they were reserved, and when lands were locked up like that it had a detrimental effect upon the country. He would not oppose the bill, but it would be well to find some better title for it.

Mr. Cotton wondered what the hon. member had been doing in the last few months to make him so virtuous. Why did he not attack the act when the time was extended last session? Mr. Cotton differed with Mr. Helmcken as to the head lines of the bill, for Mr. Cotton thought that no better title could be given it. He was of opinion that the act was quite plain as to the intention of the house last year, yet as doubts had arisen as to its exact meaning the present act was a very proper one.

Dr. Walkem said he was the only man in the house who had raised his voice against the act passed last session. (Laughter.) He understood that a sale of the charter was being arranged with Montreal capitalists, and as a result of that sale the Provincial Secretary would pocket $180,000. (Laughter.) He went on to intimate that the Provincial Secretary had taken advantage of the excuse of public business at Ottawa to go east at the provincial expense. Three or four years ago when the elections were on some of the government had gone about at the public expense doing electioneering.

Mr. Cotton—"Why did you support them, then?"

Dr. Walkem—"I supported them on the issue that it was better to have them in power than Mr. Cotton." (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Baker—"I wish to say that the statements made by the member for South Nanaimo (Dr. Walkem) are absolutely untrue."

Dr. Walkem—"I am glad to hear it."

Hon. Mr. Baker—"Then you should have assured yourself of their accuracy before you made them."

In denial of Dr. Walkem's charges that he made use of his position as a minister of the crown to profit by the railway, Hon. Mr. Baker stated that he was interested in the Crow's Nest railway long before he was a member of the government. If it had not been for his exertions the Crow's Nest Pass railway would never have been heard of. The honorable gentleman (Dr. Walkem) had asked how there were so many extensions of time. Surely members must be aware of the great financial crisis that had made it very difficult to build any railway, otherwise the road would have been built long ago. The honorable member had said nothing about other railways which got their grants at the same time as the British Columbia Southern.

"The statements," continued Col. Baker, "the hon. member (Dr. Walkem) makes are as false as many others that he has made. There appears to be nothing in which the hon. member appears to so revel in as stirring up bitterness and strife. In fact, if I had the pleasure of composing the gentleman's epitaph, I might truthfully inscribe on his headstone:

Here lies William Wymond Walkem,
Why, man! the women he'd out-talk 'em.
If he passed to realms above,
Farewell to amity and love;
But if he's gone to a lower level
I can't congratulate the Devil."

This was followed by roars of laughter.

The Attorney-General announced that the second reading of the company's bill would be brought up next week, and remarked that the suggestion was made that it should be referred afterwards to a committee of the house, as had been the case with some important measures on former occasions.

Hon. Col. Baker presented the following returns:

1. Returning statement of bonds deposited in the Provincial Secretary's office.

2. Copies of regulations made under the mining laws of the Province.

3. Statement of collectors of revenue paid by commission.

4. Statement of commons established.

The house then adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr Booth to introduce "An act to impose certain restrictions upon the granting of liquor licenses in rural districts."

Mr. Kellie—For a return of all correspondence between the Minister of Finance or any official of the treasury department and the manager of the Vancouver World newspaper relative to the advertising of the provincial tax sale in the district of Westminster, and a return showing the space occupied in the World by the said tax sale in inches and lines, the number of insertions given thereto and the rate per line for the space occupied charged and paid therefor by the government, as well as other services rendered in connection with the aforesaid sale in the Vancouver World newspaper and the British Columbia Gazette, as well as any correspondence which may have passed between any member of the government, the queen's printer and the manager or proprietor of the Vancouver World in connection with the printing and publication of the tax sale referred to.

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February 16th, 1897. fe18

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In the Matter of the Estate of William Johnson, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above named William Johnson, deceased, are hereby required forthwith to pay, and all persons having any claim against the said estate are required to send particulars thereof duly verified, to the undersigned not later than the 20th day of February. A D. 1897, after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard to those claims only of which they shall have had notice.

Tenders for the purchase of section ninety-two (92) Lake District, the property of the deceased, one acre of which was, by instrument in writing, dated the 8th day of March, 1896, leased to George A. Perrin, with an option of purchase in the event of the sale of the remainder of the said property, at a price per acre equal to the highest price per acre obtained for the balance of the said property, which said instrument was by deed dated 21st December, 1891, assigned to William McKeon, Jr., will also be received up to the said 20th day of February, addressed to DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN, Solicitors for the Executors. ja19

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

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In the Matter of the Land Registry Act,

And in the Matter of the Title to Lot 994, in the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that Gustav Sutro will be registered as the owner in fee of the above mentioned lot at the expiration of three calendar months from this date if no objection be made to the contrary within that time by some person claiming title to the same.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General of Titles.

Land Registry Office, Victoria,
January 19th, 1897. ja19

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the above-named deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.

SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Administrator.

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NOTICE

We hereby give notice that application will be made at the next sittings of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail at the Saint George's Hotel, Esquimalt Road, from ourselves to Mrs. Ann Rothwell.

Dated 21st January, 1897.

JAMES MARCH.
DAVID CLARKE.

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TENDERS.

NOTICE.

Lease of Timber Limits

EAST KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Honourable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works up to 4 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, 25th February, 1897, from any person, persons or corporation, for permission to lease the undermentioned lands for the purpose of cutting spars, timber or lumber, subject to the provisions of the "Land Act," and amendments thereto, viz.:

Lots 260, 261 and 262, Group 1, East Kootenay District, containing in the aggregate 2,680 acres

The competitor offering the highest bonus will be entitled to a lease of the premises for a term of twenty-one years.

Each tender must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque to cover the cost of survey, $800.00, the first year's rental, $402.00, and the amount of the bonus tendered. The cheques will be at once returned to unsuccessful competors.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 20th January, 1897. ja17

India Relief Fund.

In response to the following telegram from His Excellency, the Governor-General of Canada:

OTTAWA, 23rd January, 1897.

To His Honor; the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.:

After consultation with Dominion Ministry, I have undertaken to receive and to transmit contributions from all parts of the Dominion, in aid of the distress in India, and I trust I may have Your Honor's support and co-operation in this national expression of sympathy.

[Signed] ABERDEEN,
Governor-General.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS

Are opened at the following places: City Hall, the Public Schools, Government Buildings, Supreme Court, COLONIST office, Times office, Province office and Board of Trade Building.

It is to be hoped that the people of this city will respond liberally to the appeal for assistance on behalf of millions of our fellow subjects in India who are now suffering from famine and pestilence. The smallest contributions will be thankfully received, and the total amount realized will, I feel confident, show that Victoria is equally ready with her sister cities in the East to contribute her share to the Canadian fund for the relief of suffering humanity.

CHARLES E. REDFERN,
Mayor.

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NOTICES.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command,

JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

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NOTICE.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that Provincial Revenue Tax and all taxes levied under the Assessment Act are now due for the year 1897. All of the above named taxes collectible within Victoria City, South Victoria and Esquimalt Electoral Districts, North Saanich, Rupert, Sayward, Quatsino, Coast and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, with parts of Barclay and Clayoquot Districts assessed by me, are payable at my office.

Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:—

Four-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

Three-quarters of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely: Upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

If paid on or before the 30th day of June, 1897:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on the assessed value of real estate, other than wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on the assessed value of personal property.

Upon such excess of income when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

Two and one-half per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Provincial Revenue Tax, $3.00 per capita (residents of Victoria City excepted.)

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor and Collector.

January 2nd, 1897. ja12

SKIRTS AND CAPES.

Traveling Dresses Made Plain—Ornamented Only With Stitching and Buttons.

Skirts are worn quite even all around, no longer behind than before. Godets are confined to the back, and little trimming is employed, quite plain skirts being preferred, although a little ornamentation is admissible.

Pretty capes are seen, to accompany dainty calling costumes. They are of old

WALKING COSTUME.

red or old blue, old gold or dull green broche, lined and trimmed with black or white mousseline de soie. Flounces, thick ruches, choux, elaborate collars and ribbons are used upon them in profusion.

Traveling gowns are preferably simple, but of perfect finish and style. They are of fine alpaca or mohair or of mixed goods, since the last named are extremely serviceable and do not show dust or moisture. Covert cloth is admirable for this purpose. The tailor made effect is usually preferred, the skirt being plain, but lined with silk and having only a very narrow haircloth facing, say from three to five inches wide. Stitching, straps and buttons are permitted as ornamentation. The upper part of the costume frequently consists of a coat with loose fronts, opening at will over a chemisette of percale, foulard or thin flannel. The sleeves are not very full. The hat is of light weight and sparsely trimmed, ribbon and quills being considered more appropriate than ostrich plumes, flowers and lace. Loose gloves of suede, of three or four button length, or glace biarritz gloves form an appropriate finish to the costume.

A fashionable walking costume is shown in the cut. It is of green serge, the tablier of the plain skirt being bordered at the foot and the right side by a bias band of black satin. The left side is adorned with three clasps in black passementerie. The bodice has a bias, stretched back, the front opening over a plastron of white faille gathered at the waist. Motifs of passementerie ornament the sides of the front. The wide collar of white faille is bordered by a bias band of satin, and there is a neck ruche of white lace. The wrist of the bias sleeve is adorned with a motif of passementerie and a lace frill.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

FASHIONS FOR AUTUMN.

Capes and Sacks, Both Short and Long, Will Be Worn.

Among other indications that hint of autumn styles are skirts ornamented around the foot by narrow bands of velvet put on flat. Others are encircled by similar bands to the height of six or seven inches. This fashion of velvet on worsted goods promises to be a winter feature, for still other skirts are seen having quilles

ALPACA GOWN.

and points of velvet, with velvet figures likewise on bodices in the form of square or round boleros, and motifs variously disposed, with lace or embroidery composing revers or flat coquilles. In fact, velvet ornamentation of costumes both dark and light seems to be the one thing that is fully decided with respect to cool weather wardrobes. The newer form of sleeve, in which a tight, close portion is opposed by a bouffant arrangement, gives an excellent opportunity for combinations of goods.

It is also safe to count upon a variety of attractive cape models and innumerable short sacks, with or without plaits, made quite straight. These latter are having quite a vogue in Paris already, but perhaps they will be less readily accepted here. Long, tight fitting coats of light colored cloth, adorned with large buttons and revers and collar of velvet of various shades, will be worn.

As for hats, it is more difficult to predict what their characteristics will be, for fashions in millinery are more fleeting even than in gowns. Dark felt hats are likely to be largely worn, and black felts will accompany many elegant dresses. Ostrich feathers will be employed in all sorts of ways and in profusion, being the principal ornament to be used.

A picture is given of a costume of blue alpaca. The plain skirt is adorned around the foot by two narrow bands of blue galloon, the tablier being outlined in the same manner. The blouse bodice has a short, rippled basque and opens in front over a plastron of blue alpaca. The very large sailor collar is of white faille and is trimmed wich two bands of narrow galloon. The belt is likewise of white faille, the cravat being of white tulle with lace ends. Lace frills finish the wrists.

JUDIC CHOLLET.

Yale's Football Prospects.

From the present outlook Yale's chances of a good football team are brighter than they were a year ago. It will take several hard games before anything more than mere guesswork can be stated of the players.

If Yale cannot arrange a game with Harvard this year, it is more than probable that lovers of the sport will witness a game between the blue, and the red and blue of Pennsylvania. Yale cannot meet the three other large universities in succession, and Harvard is naturally first choice. There is a strong sentiment among the undergraduates, however, in favor of meeting the Quakers.

Parisians Proud of Their Wheels.

"In Paris the cyclists, as a rule, take scrupulous care of their wheels," remarked a Chicagoan recently returned from a trip across the water. "They allow but two drops of oil at a time for the ball bearings, and the other parts are oiled but once a week. The riders invariably clean the nickel parts of the machines after a boulevard spin, quickly rubbing them with a sort of red grease that is called brilliant belge. This has a great effect, removing the little specks of oxydization immediately. The spokes are kept from rusting by this same grease."

Schaefer to Live In New York.

And now the news comes that Jacob Schaefer, beloved of Chicago, is to take his departure from the city by the lake and make his home in New York. It is said he intends to open a large billiard saloon in Gotham early in the fall. The tendency on the part of the great experts of this country just now seems to be to locate in the east. Ives never was much in love with the west, and the fact that he is practically a New Yorker should surprise no one. Schaefer has many friends in the east as well as in the west and should do well in his business.

BESSIE MACDONALD.

A Young American Singer Who Has Achieved Success Abroad.

Everybody in the United States likes to hear of the success of a fellow countryman or countrywoman abroad, especially the latter. When the measure of success achieved is very great, the pleasure is naturally enhanced. For that reason it will be pleasant news to hear of the big hit, as the actors put it, that has been made in Europe by a beautiful Chicago girl, Miss Bessie MacDonald.

Miss MacDonald only recently made her first appearance in Dublin as Michaela, the leading soprano role in Bizet's perennial and beautiful opera, "Carmen." This is the character always assumed by Melba and Emma Eames when they appear in that work. Her success was im-

BESSIE MACDONALD.

mediate and emphatic. She had just signed a contract with the Carl Rosa Royal Opera company for three years.

As that is the leading organization of its sort in England, it will be seen that her prospects are of the brightest. In addition to this, however, it is probable that she will have a further opportunity to distinguish herself next summer, when it is understood that Mr. Grau, the successor of the late Sir Augustus Harris as manager of Covent Garden, London, will invite her to appear there in several of the grand operas, provided the consent of Mr. Rosa can be obtained.

Miss MacDonald studied with Mr. Gottschalk and Signor Jannotta in Chicago and subsequently in Paris with Mme. Marchesi for one year and with Signor Sbriglia for two. The original intention of the young singer is said to have been in the direction of concerts and oratorio work. The present, however, is considered as a final decision to adopt the operatic stage.

Miss MacDonald, whose mother is with her, is a daughter of Mr. John MacDonald of Chicago.

The Freeman's Journal, Dublin, says of Miss MacDonald's first appearance:

"There are few operatic parts so popular, so sympathetic, or so jealously regarded—ever since poor Julia Gaylord made it her own—as Michaela. Last night a charming revelation of an almost ideal impersonation was afforded by Miss Bessie MacDonald. The fact that it was her first time in Dublin no doubt insured her a generous and kindly greeting, but she had not sung two bars of the message song when she jumped, as it were, into the good will and affections of her audience. In the opening duet with Jose she did uncommonly well, and the sequence of the opera was interrupted for a few moments by the applause which conveyed the special recognition of her great success. Similarly in the cave scene her rendering of 'I Thought Naught Would Frighten Me Now' was quite a charming incident. So her progress will be followed with interest."

In the production of Godard's opera "La Vivandiere" Miss MacDonald made a second appearance, receiving this mention in The Irish Times:

"Miss Bessie MacDonald immensely improved the good opinion already formed of her talent by a thoroughly creditable performance as Johanne. Her arietta 'Before You Hither Brought Me' was one of the best sung passages of the opera, and she was associated with Mlle. de Lussan in a charming rendering of the prayer, which also had to be repeated."

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AN APPLICATION Is now pending to the Provincial Legislature for an Act of Incorporation, and notices given of two separate Private Bills for Water, Electric Light and Power Companies, also Telephone, Water, etc. All in connecction with and to supply the **Town of Grand Forks** and Suburbs.

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A POWERFUL MINING & SMELTING CO. Report their intention of building a **500-Ton Smelter** in the close proximity of this land, and the owners have been applied to for a site for this purpose. Such an industry is warranted from the fact that the **Great Volcanic Mine,** said to be the largest deposit of copper gold ore now known, purposes to smelt the product of their mine at this point. **The Projected Roads** make it the most convenient **receiving and shipping point,** and a leading Bank is said to be about to open an Agency, as the employment of the requiaed labor will circulate a no small sum of money each month.

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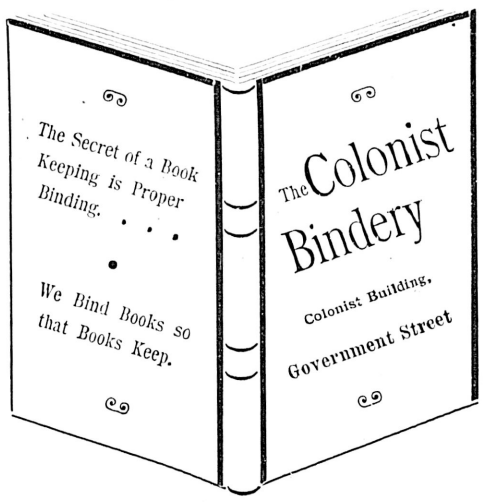

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VICTOR JENSEN, deceased.—This is to give notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at the next sitting, for a transfer of the license for the Boomerang Hotel, Court Alley, to sell wine, beer and spirits by retail, now standing in the name of Victor Jensen, to myself, Sarah Jensen.

SARAH JENSEN,
Executrix of the Estate of the late Victor Jensen.

January 29th, 1897. ja30

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a railway of standard or narrow guage from a point on the Stickeen river to a point on or near Dease Lake, in the District of Cassiar, with power to extend to the northern and eastern confines of British Columbia, and to construct and operate branch lines, and telegraph and telephone lines, and to construct and maintain wharves, docks, warehouses, and to expropriate lands for the above purposes, together with all other usual, necessary or incidental powers in the premises.

DUMBLETON & INNES,
Solicitors and Agents for Applicants.
Victoria, B.C., January, 1897. ja8

The Lanark Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited L'y.

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the share and stockholders of the above-named Company will be held at the registered offices of such company, situate at 163 Cordova street, in the city of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, on the 6th day of March, 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing resolutions authorizing the above-named company to sell and dispose of the whole or any part or portion of its property and assets.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1897.

By order
J. BUNTZEN,
fe9 Secretary.

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5 a.m..	33·		
9 a.m..	33·	Highest 43·	5 a.m.—Calm. 1 p.m.— " 9 p.m.— "
1 p.m.	43·	Lowest 31·	
5 p.m..	41·		Rain—.00. Sun— None
9 p.m..	36.		

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer 9 a.m... {Observed .....29.800 Reduced 29.795

E. Baynes Reed, Observer.

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Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound—Mrs J Wenger, G Murray, J Hay, G Hagley, Miss Walker, R Hansen, F J Reinhart, F E Snyder, Capt Clements, Jas Hughes, J McRae, and H McLeod.

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Henderson—In this city, on the 18th inst., the wife of Frederick Henderson, Victoria West, of a daughter.

DIED.

Richardson—On the 17th inst., at the corner of Jessie and Catharine streets, Victoria West, Judith, beloved wife of R. B. Richardson, aged 71 years.

The funeral takes place on Friday, at 2 p.m., from the family residence as above. Friends will please accept this intimation.

Dockings—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 18th inst., Susan, the beloved wife of William Dockings, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 39 years.

Notice of funeral will be given.

Pagden—On the 18th inst., at his residence, 120 Fort street, Charles Pagden, a native of Surrey, England, aged 57 years.

The funeral will take place from his residence, Saturday at 2:30 p.m., and Christ Church Cathedral at 2:45 p.m.

FOR FLOWER MEMORIALS that will last, call at Bradbury's Monumental Works, Cormorant street, one block above the City Hall.

ALIEN LABOR LAW.

Invoked Against a Thirteen Years' Resident of the U. S. Who Had Not Become Naturalized.

Buffalo, Feb. 18.—Hugh Barrett, a Canadian, employed by the Niagara Cycle Fitting Works, of this city, was up before Immigration Inspector DeBarry this morning. Barrett has been a resident of the United States for over thirteen years and never taken out his papers. He said that he was married in Fort Erie a little over a year ago, and has a child four months old. He told the inspector that he had lived in Fort Erie and came to work every morning, returning home in the evening. The inspector gave him a week to bring his family to Buffalo and get his papers.

1897 model Rambler bicycles now on view at Weiler Bros. x

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small and easy to take. Don't forget this.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—the best remedy. x

J. H. Todd and E. Baynes Reed returned from the Provincial Mainland by yesterday evening's steamer.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Reports Presented by the Standing Committee to the Legislative Assembly Yesterday.

In the report of the public accounts committee presented yesterday to the legislative assembly the following statement was given of the amounts paid on account of parliament buildings construction from July 1, 1896, to January 31, 1897:

F. Adams (estate of), mason work	$16,533
Bennett & Wright, mason work	4,000
W. Pearse, carving	1,190
Perry & Smith, coppersmith's work	4,700
R. J. Nott, plumber work	467
G. Jennings & Co., plumber work	588
J. Bryce, plumber work	507
E. C. Howell, Sup. of Works	1,200
E. C. Howell, Sup. of Works	200
R. Drake, plasterer's work	25,300
Bishop & Sherbourne, carpenter work	13,200
J. Boyd & Co., carpenter work	274
Albion Iron Works, iron work	4,000
W. McDowell, compensation	200
D. Graham, fireman	350
E. M. Rattenbury, architect's com.	2,014
E. Spillman, painter work	1,012
R. B. McMicking, sup. electric installation	150
W. Bell, iron railing, etc	650
H. Bloomfield & Son, leaded lights	960
G. C. Hinton, electric wiring	2,500
D. Spencer, calico, etc	47
	$80,045

The abstract of payments made on account of parliament buildings construction from commencement to January 31, 1897, was:

Year ending 30th June, 1893	$ 72,846
" " 1894	55,954
" " 1895	191,867
" " 1896	257,903
1st July, 1896, to 31st Jan., 1897	80,045
Total	$658,616

The statement of cash on hand to December 31, 1896, was:

Cash on hand 31st Dec., 1896	$ 6,429
Cash in bank, 31st Dec., 1896	120,209
Cash in hands of agents	17,620
Total cash on hand Dec. 31, 1896	$144,259

The statement of the Nakusp & Slocan railway account to Dec. 31, 1896, was reported by the committee as follows:

PAYMENTS.

As brought to account 30th June, 1896	$ 84,186
For interest due 31st Dec., 1896	12,850
For interest due 31st Dec., 1896, (2nd issue	151
Balance	49,311
	$146,500

RECEIPTS.

As brought to account 30th June, 1896	$138,951
Quarter ending 30th Sept., 1896	3,052
Quarter ending 31st Dec., 1896	4,496
	$146,500
By balance	$ 49,311

The statement of the Shuswap & Okanagan railway account to December 31, 1896, shows:

PAYMENTS.

Brought to account 30th June, 1896	$228,572
Pay for half-year, 31st Dec., 1896	24,939
	$253,511
To balance	43,839

RECEIPTS.

As brought to account 30th June, 1896	$204,284
Receipts for quarter, 30th Sept., 1896	2,646
" " 31st Dec., 1896	2,741
	$209,672

PERSONAL.

D. A. Williams of Sandon is at the Driard.

Barrister Charles Wilson of Vancouver is paying the Capital a visit.

W. K. Leighton of Nanaimo and A. D. Williams of Sandon are guests at the Driard.

Inspector John S. Chute of H.M. Customs, Westminster, is at the Hotel Driard.

Steamboat Inspector J. A. Thomson returned last evening from an official visit to the Terminal City.

G. Moore, Dayton, Ohio, and A. A. Brownell, Duncans, are among the arrivals at the New England.

Mrs. J. H. Senkler of Vancouver is visiting at the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. A. N. Richards of this city.

Dr. A. E. Verrinder was a passenger for San Francisco by the Umatilla on the sailing of that steamer yesterday evening.

H. F Clinton and wife and Mrs. A. Malins, of Westminster, were passengers for California by the direct steamer sailing last evening.

Captain Clements of the steamer City of Kingston left town, "bag and baggage," yesterday, to make his future place of residence on the Sound.

F. P. Cochenour, Toronto; A. Peate and wife, Colwood; A. A. Walters and wife, London, Eng.; and H. W. Gordon, Vancouver, are guests at the Occidental.

G. H. Seelig, of S. Leiser & Co., leaves shortly for California in the hope that change of scene and climate may benefit his health. He has been a sufferer from rheumatism during the past six weeks or more.

The B. C. Canning Company, Limited, are building a new and complete cannery on Deass Island. It will be in every way well equipped, will have a capacity of 30,000 cases, and occupy the site of the old cannery, which was partly destroyed by fire a few years ago. Mr. Dempster will manage the establishment. The prospects are that during the canning season over forty canneries will be operating on the Fraser, besides those running on the Gulf.

The Six Companies, the most powerful, richest, and most far-reaching Chinese organization in America, goes out of existence in San Francisco. For years it was the banker, counsellor and diplomatic agent of every Chinaman in America while he lived, the administrator of his estate, guardian of his ashes, protector of his relatives, almoner of his alms, after his death.

CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL.

Westminster and Nanaimo to Meet Tomorrow—Victoria and the Navy Try Conclusions.

Football enthusiasts look for an exceptionally lively game of Rugby at Nanaimo to-morrow, the Westminster team visiting the Coal City for the purpose of meeting the Hornets in the championship series. Of course the Hornets are favorites, but the Royal City men are said to have improved wonderfully of late and may do better than the majority anticipate. At home—or rather, at the Canteen field, Esquimalt—the Victoria team will engage the Navy, the following on this occasion playing for the city club: Petticrew, full back; Falconer, Gamble, Haines and Scholefield, three-quarters; Goward and Pinder, halves; L. and A. Crease, Macdonald, Langley, Atkins, O'Brien, Innes and Spain, forwards. At Beacon Hill, about the same time, the Districts and the Y.M.C.A. will have their return game, the following playing:

Districts—A. Goward, full back; J. Pemberton, J. S. Byrne, A. C. Anderson and F. J. Daniels, three-quarters; P. R. Daniels and T. P. Patton, halves; J. R. Gaudin, F. J. Patton, J. Bridgman, McLeash, F. A. Futcher, E. S. Tuck, Naftel and D. B. McConnan, forwards.

Y. M. C. A.—W. Wriglesworth, full back: Peden, Reid, Deckers and Finlaison, three-quarters; Hemsworth and Otis, half backs; Booth, L. Campbell, Galbreth, McNeill, F. Vigor, McKevin, C. White and Jones, forwards.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

COLUMBIA'S VS. Y.M.C.A.

The following team will represent the Y.M.C.A. against the Columbias on Saturday, the game to commence at 2:45: Goal, R. Lorimer; backs, W. York and F. Cullen; half-backs, Walter Winsby, J. Hemsworth and W. McKeown; forwards, H. Holden, J. W. Lorimer, J. Noot, W. N. Winsby and L. York.

RANDOM NOTES

OF INTEREST TO SPORT LOVERS.

John S. Johnson, the record-making skater and cyclist, is reported dying of congestion of the lungs at Brantford, Ont.

Neilson, the professional champion, swept all before him at yesterdays races of the Outing Athletic Club, New York, incidentally establishing several new indoor records.

Lady hockey players are notified that they can secure sticks at the establishment of M. W. Waitt & Co.

John Dewart, the big English distiller, has cabled through friends to the Winnipeg rowing club, inviting the Winnipeg crew to become his guests while they are in England to take part in the Henley regatta. The invitation will be accepted.

The district championship curling match for a medal was played at Kaslo yesterday between Sandon and Kaslo, being won by the former, one point to spare.

COMMODIOUS PREMISES.

Messrs. S. Leiser & Co. Are Now Comfortably Settled In Their New Block.

No doubt the proverbial oldest inhabitant remembers when Waddington alley was quite an aristocratic neighborhood, boasting, as it actually did in early days, of some of the finest buildings in the city. Little by little the tide of improvements relegated the wooden building of that narrow thoroughfare to more and more undignified occupations until finally premises which were wont to be the scene of high-toned reunions became the storage places of the plebeian potato and the unpoetic bale of hay.

Last summer a number of these storage shacks were destroyed and on the corner of the alley and Yates streets a magnificent three-story brick warehouse has been erected for Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co. These premises, which are absolutely fire-proof, cover an area of 60 by 122 feet, and are thoroughly modern in all respects. In fact it may be claimed for them that they are second to none in the Dominion.

The basement, which has a cement floor, is used for the storage of butter and other articles requiring an even temperature, and this portion of the building is so ventilated that the atmosphere can be maintained at a low point even in the hottest of the dog days.

The ground floor is conveniently divided into general offices, private office, cigar and tobacco rooms and general warehouse. The offices are neatly fitted up and are models as regards light and ventilation; the whole being heated with hot water.

The first and second floors are used for additional storage room and customs bonds, and every inch of space on these two floors, together with the large warehouse on the ground floor, is stacked high with all the various comestibles that go to make up the stock in trade of a wholesale grocer.

The building is fitted with an electric freight elevator in addition to the usual stair cases, and to facilitate the handling of goods, on every floor a line of track runs from front to rear and another crosses the building at right angles. These tracks cross each other on the elevator itself, which is fitted with a turn-table, so that a loaded truck can be run in at either of the main entrances and transported to any part of the building and its cargo handled with a minimum expenditure of time and labor.

The firm whose outlay in building this ornament to the commercial interests of Victoria represents $35,000, is to be congratulated upon its enterprise. In this connection a word of praise must be given to Mr. Leiser himself for the pluck and perseverance he has displayed in building up the business to its present immense proportions in the comparatively short period he has been in business in Victoria.

SCHOOL ACT AMENDMENTS.

Important Features of the Proceedings of the Manitoba Legislature—Odd Fellow Visitors.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—(Special)—At the session of the Manitoba legislature the amendments to the public school act, which are necessary to give legal effect to the settlement of the school question as arranged by the provincial and Federal governments will be the most important legislation.

Mayor McCreary, who visits Ottawa shortly in connection with immigration matters, will enter a strong protest to the Dominion government against pauper immigration from Southern Europe. A large number of these people have been landed here without a dollar, and are a serious charge on the city.

Attorney-General Cameron and Mayor McCreary yesterday extended a formal welcome to the Odd Fellows who are here attending the Grand lodge session. Hon. Mr. Cameron spoke on behalf of the province and expressed his appreciation of the work of the order in the practice of benevolence and the care of the sick. The present membership of the Manitoba lodges is 2,744, a net increase of 130 in the year.

A report has reached the city that a snowplow on the N. P., Morris-Brandon branch, had jumped the track and one man employed on it was killed.

FAMINE STRICKEN.

Awful Mortality in the Central Native States—Gross Neglect of the Rajahs.

Agra, Feb. 18.—The special representative of the Associated Press, who is visiting the famine-stricken districts of India, has inspected the Central Native states and Bundelkund district. People from the former have been flocking into British territory for the past month, and hundreds of starving persons are meeting the trains and begging as their only chance of subsistence. The villages are turning the refugees away and many are dying on the rails.

Walking from one station to another the correspondent found five dead bodies along the line. Children are deserted and left to forage for themselves. The Rajahs were the last to start relief works and the mischief was done.

The mortality is awful at Banda, the blackest spot of the Bundelkund province, where out of a population of 700,000 200,000 are receiving relief. The number is expected to reach 300,000.

DR. ZERTUCHA.

Story of His Assassination by Cubans Contradicted—Said to Be Alive and Well.

Madrid, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Havana says it is reported that Dr. Zertucha, who was Maceo's physician and accompanied him at the time the insurgent leader met his death, has been assassinated. The report cannot as yet be confirmed.

Havana, Feb. 18.—Members of the family of Dr. Zertucha, who was Maceo's physician and who accompanied the insurgent leader at the time of his death, deny the report cabled from Madrid that Zertucha had been assassinated by the Cubans for purposes of revenge. They say that Dr. Zertucha was alive and well two days ago at Melena del Sur. Officials connected with the civil government, as well as Capt.-General Weyler, claim to be absolutely ignorant regarding the matter and have received no advices concerning the death of Dr. Zertucha.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Estimates for the Province of Ontario Submitted to the Legislature.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in Manitoba and the Northwest, who is now in Great Britain, writes that he has received several large contributions, one of £460 sterling on behalf of the Northwest church manse and building fund. He has also interested many congregations in the home mission work of the Northwest.

The estimates for the coming year have been presented to the house by Provincial Treasurer Harcourt. The total amount asked for is $3,516,068, which is $190,000 less than the amount actually expended last year; $29,100 is asked for mining developments, and $35,000 for mining roads. The items under the head of development include $2,250 for an office at Rat Portage, and $1,000 for a summer mining school.

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TRANSVAAL INDEMNITY.

The Little Bill Presented to Great Britain on Behalf of President Kruger's Government.

London, Feb. 18.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons to-day that an official telegram has been received from the British agent at Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, on Tuesday, conveying the bill of indemnity presented by the Transvaal as a result of the Jameson raid. The bill, he added, is divided into two heads. The first asks for the payment of £677,938, 3s 8d.

The material demand made under the second head by the Transvaal is for £1,000,000 for "moral and intellectual damage." Mr. Chamberlain further said that the telegram stated that the foregoing demands do not include the legitimate private claims which may be advanced.

A telegram from the British agent also says the indemnity is to be paid by the British government, "or caused to be paid by them," apparently suggesting that the government compel the British Chartered South African Company to pay it, or in default that the government must foot the bill.

"CLOSER POLITICAL UNION."

Attorney-General Smith on His Way From Honolulu to Washington.

San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Among the passengers from Honolulu on the Australia was Attorney-General Smith, who will proceed at once to Washington to confer with Minister Hatch on the annexation question. His sudden departure was the outcome of a hurried meeting of the Hawaiian cabinet after the receipt of important letters from Minister Hatch regarding annexation. Loring Thurston, formerly Hawaiian minister to the United States, will accompany Mr. Smith to Washington.

"I go to Washington in the sole interest of annexation," said Attorney-General Smith to-day. Cable propositions or any other issue will be relegated to the rear. The cabinet has deemed it necessary from the recent advices from Mr. Hatch to have a representative of the Hawaiian republic in Washington with power to act. "Matters which are of vital importance to the island will probably come up during the fortnight that I shall be in Washington, and authority is vested in me to act for this government. It is closer political union with the United States that I will work for while in Washington."

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Cobbler Seat Rockers	worth $5.00	now	$3.50
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak	worth 6.00	now	4.00
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak	worth 7.00	now	4.50
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak	worth 8.00	now	5.50
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak	worth 9.00	now	6.50
Cobbler Seat Rockers, solid oak	worth 10.00	now	7.50
Carpet Sweepers	worth 3.50	now	2.75
Carpet Sweepers	worth 4.00	now	3.00
Brussels Carpet, per yard	worth 1.50	now	1.00
44-Piece Tea Sets	worth 6.00	now	4.00

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Many a man is a whale physically but a sprat mentally.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster is teaching a Bible class in the New York Avenue Baptist church at Washington, which is attended by about sixty people, including several public men.